



Audrey McCrory Diehl

August 15, 1936 - May 6, 2005

Audrey Jean McCrory Hill Diehl was born August 15, 1936 to Horace Jefferson McCrory and Myrtie Weaver McCrory in New Willard, Texas. She was delivered at home by the Texas Long Leaf Lumber Company Doctor on his birthday. She attended elementary school at New Willard and graduated from Livingston High School in 1954. From a very early age, Audrey attended Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church in New Willard and made a profession of faith at age 10. She was an active member of the youth group and was the church pianist from age 9 until her marriage to her high school sweetheart, Amos Turner Hill on June 6, 1954. To this union was born three sons, Dwayne Dale, Livingston, TX; James Howard, Carthage, TX; and Kirby McCrory Hill, Baytown, TX. In 1963, Audrey began attending Wharton County College and graduated with honors in 1967. She finished her Bachelor of Arts Degree at University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette, La having graduated with Highest Distinction in 1970. Audrey taught school in Milton, Louisiana, Goliad, Texas; Shepherd, Texas, Livingston, Texas and Dickinson, Texas where she retired after teaching Junior High School students for 23 years. After 36 very happy years together, in 1990, cancer took her mate. In 1993 she met and married the Reverend Norman Diehl who was Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Huntsville. Here, Audrey served as the church pianist, sang in the choir taught Sunday School and led Bible Studies. After Norman's retirement, she enjoyed traveling with him to many different churches where he served as interim pastor and supplied for pastors. Audrey

was a quilter, loved to sew, was happiest in her kitchen canning vegetables and fruit and cooking for large crowds. She was the pianist for the Huntsville Community Choir and loved to sing and play gospel music. She said that she could read music before she could read words, having attended many singing schools in East Texas with her mother. She is survived by her husband Norman Diehl, three sons Dale and his wife Della; James and his wife Lynda and Kirby and his wife Peggy; grandchildren Melanie Mansfield and her husband Brad, Jeremy Hill, Chelsea Hill, Jerrett Hill, Justin Hill, Jason Hill, and Kathleen Hill, and great grandchildren Grant Turner Mansfield and Jayden Turner Hill, and her Diehl Children; Gene Diehl, Mark and Laurie Diehl, Ken and Ginny Richards, Lisa and Kevin Gregory, and the Diehl Grandchildren, James, Michael, Elizabeth, Rachel, Garrett, Lindsey, Chase, Cole and Nathan. Services will be held, Friday, May 6, 2005 at 1:00 PM at the Calvary Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Peebles Cemetery at 4:00 PM under the direction of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 6 to 9 PM Thursday at the funeral home. Serving as pallbearers are Jerry Marsh, Bill Hill, Aubrey Hill, Dude Hill, Bud Smith and Charles Smith.

Tribute Wall



“ Audrey McCrory Diehl

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ Bro. Norman and family: Verla and I have and been having you in our prayers. Audrey was special to us. We really enjoyed her skills in playing the piano with the expression of the love she had for the Lord. As I led the music at Center Hill Baptist while she played, made it easy for me to lead. May God continue to bless you and He will give the comfort to you as you need. With our Love, Paul & Verla.

Paul & Verla Hardy - May 06, 2005 at 10:06 AM



“ Dear Brother Norman and family,
Our hearts go out to you during this time of great loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Mum (Margaret Hinton) also sends her love and prayers from Australia. She has fond memories of enjoyable times with Audrey. May the Lord be your comfort and strength.

Lloyd and Marilyn Hinton - May 06, 2005 at 12:19 AM



“ Norman, We are praying for strength and comfort during this time. Audrey was a very special lady; she will be greatly missed by you and all who knew her. God Bless!

Kathryn & Tom Decker - May 04, 2005 at 08:42 PM

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“ Dear Kirby, Peggy, Jason, and Kathleen,

The members of Memorial Baptist are praying for you and your family. May God be your strength and comfort at this time.

Memorial Baptist Church, Baytown, TX - May 04, 2005 at 02:34 PM