



Bennie Pearl Black

February 28, 2007

Bennie Pearl Black went to be with her Lord and Savior February 25, 2007 where she joined her husband of 47 years, Alvin Black. Bennie was also preceded in death by her parents, Ben and Pearl Lander, her sister, Ermanea Coburn, and her son-in-law, Frank Moore, Jr. She is survived by her children, Wes Black and wife Sandi, Karen Barfoot and husband, Odell, and Ray Black and wife, Debbie. Grandchildren are Clay Black and wife Jessica, Melissa Jones and husband, Duke, Michelle Culak and husband Tony, Zach Moore, Stephanie Black, Kim Black and Kelsey Black. Step-grandchildren, Dyann and Trent Smith and son Ethan, Ken and Crystal Rutledge and children Kenny and Savannah, and her pride and joys, great-grandchildren, Taylor Jones and Anthony Culak. Bennie was born in Midway, Texas on February 3, 1926 and moved to Huntsville in 1943 where she spent the remainder of her life living it to the fullest by enjoying her family and friends, serving her community and working in her Church, Calvary Baptist. She had many fond memories of being the school secretary and librarian for Stewart Elementary and later as a rural route carrier for the Huntsville Post Office. Bennie was a very talented seamstress and shared her talents with the community and family making wedding dresses, band costumes, baby blankets, Halloween costumes for the grandkids and many family heirlooms. Her love of cooking was a blessing to all. She was always the first one to someone's home when she heard of a death, even this past year as she struggled with her own health. She often carried cookies or cakes to offices around town. One of the most important

things in her life was for her family to be together and she made this possible every Sunday and on holidays as they gathered around her table and laughed and ate and enjoyed Grandma's great cooking! Bennie loved her church and never hesitated to invite everyone she met to visit Calvary Baptist. She especially enjoyed her Friday morning B.A.L.L. club at church where they met to play games and share lunch. She served her church for many years as a teacher, youth leader and hospitality chairperson. Bennie and Alvin worked many years as the Gulf Coast Regional Center Blood Coordinators. Her diligent work of encouraging people to donate blood was rewarded this past year, when she was able to continue her life due to the many blood transfusions she had as she battled Myelodysplastic Syndrome. One of her fulfillments in her life was being able to be in the M.D. Anderson research program. Her prayer was that someone else would be helped from the experimental programs that she participated in. Bennie loved God, family, church, life and Wal-Mart! She had many fun times there with her special friend, Bobbie Sowell. She lived life to the fullest and never met a stranger. She was a friend to all and enjoyed talking, visiting and sharing her home with others. She especially enjoyed watching her grandchildren play sports. The Lady Hornets Volleyball team has lost one of their greatest supporters. Bennie always enjoyed joking with others and "giving them a hard time" as she put it. She will be greatly missed by her family and many friends. The family of Bennie Black especially wants to thank Dr. Larry Wells, who loved our mom and helped give her a good extra year and the Huntsville Memorial Hospital staff who were so attentive every time she had to have her blood transfusions. Services for Bennie Black will be 10:00 am Wednesday, February 28, 2007 at Calvary Baptist Church, under the direction of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Pine Prairie Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5:00-8:00 pm Tuesday, February 27, 2007 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. For those wishing to do so, memorial donations may be made to Calvary Baptist Church, P O Box 1577, Huntsville, TX 77342. Memorial condolences may be made to the family online at www.shmfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Bennie Pearl Black*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Dear Family,
We were devastated to hear of Bennie's passing. What a truly wonderful, kind, loving and truly God loving human being she was. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her. We've known Bennie for over 20 years, first being associated with her at the Blood Drive and then as friends. Bennie never knew a stranger and made it a point to always have kind words for everyone.*

Jenny & Donald Marcotte - March 16, 2007 at 10:44 AM



“ *I only met Bennie on a few occasions but it only took five minutes of being in her presence to know that I was spending time with an exceptional woman. I last saw Bennie a couple of months ago at Sadler Clinic when my husband was going through chemo. Bennie was hooked up to her medicine but she was the liveliest patient in the clinic. Instead of me comforting her, she comforted my husband and I. I am going to miss Bennie Black; a woman that truly knew how to love her fellow man.*

sondra hightower - March 09, 2007 at 09:22 PM

JS

“ Not often do we find a person that is always willing to put forth a great effort to be a friend to all mankind. Bennie Black was that kind of person. Bennie’s personality reflected Christianity every way and every day to everyone. Bennie Black was just an awesome person. Ask anyone that knew her. Mayme Dell and I enjoyed the friendship of Bennie Pearl Black for over 50 years.

Joe Mac Henry, Sr. - March 01, 2007 at 08:31 AM

CR

“ We were so sorry to hear of Bennie's passing. Please know that our hearts and prayers are with you at this time.

*Clint Ringo and family
Bandera, TX*

Clint Ringo - February 28, 2007 at 11:48 AM

LM

“ I would like to extend to you my most heartfelt sypmathies on the death of your mother. I only knew Ms. Black for a few years but that was enough to give me an appreciation for her talents, warmth, and generosity of spirit. I don't believe I've ever known anyone who had as many friends or who deserved them more. Like so many others who admired her, I am deeply grieved. I will always remember Ms. Black and feel very bless and honored to have known her. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.

Leslie Michaelson - February 27, 2007 at 10:52 PM

BC

“ Dear Family,

Your dear mother will be greatly missed. She and your father hold dear memories for me growing up in Huntsville and at Calvary Baptist. I had the pleasure of spending some time with her about a year and a half ago during a job search in the Huntsville area. She offered her help as always and made calls inquiring about positions. Again she will be greatly missed and my thoughts and prayers are with you. I rejoice in the fact we will see her again one day!

Betty Taylor Chapman

Betty Taylor Chapman - February 27, 2007 at 08:26 PM

TL

“ *Man we just can't believe that is is gone. she is in a better place. we have wonderful memories of her. she was so special person to us and will always be in our hearts. our prayers are with all of you. Michael always looked up to her and we will miss her very much. One day we will see her again when we go see our lord. Love you, Teresa & Michael*

Teresa & Michael Lawson - February 27, 2007 at 08:08 PM

AW

“Wow!!! What an awesome lady Ms. Black was. She loved her church and the church family even more. She would always tell you what she was thinking, with love. She always provided great encouragement and support to you in times of need. She was always the first one to come and help out. I believe she was the true creator of "Down Home Cookin". I don't think she could make a bad dish of food. She was the one who ran the church, no matter who thought differently. She was and will continue to be a great blessing and example for me to live by. I would say it would be nice to have more Ms. Bennies' on earth but I am not sure the world could handle more than one at a time. The thoughts and prayers of Calvary Baptist Youth Group are with the Black family.

Adam Winningham - February 27, 2007 at 11:56 AM

LB

“It has truly been an honor to have known Bennie Black. I always considered her my grandma, "Grandma Black" that is. Her grandson Zach and I enjoyed going to her house after church on Sundays and visiting with her. She always had a story to tell. She was a very sweet, generous, and loving person. I wish I had gotten to spend more time with her. To the Family - Thank you so much for making me feel included in the family. I love you all so much and am praying for you. Love, Lindsay Byrne

Lindsay Byrne - February 27, 2007 at 11:06 AM

MC

“ Dear Karen, Ray, Wes and Families, I thank God and you all for allowing me to be a part of your family. We will all miss her very much. She was a special "One Of A Kind" Christian Talented "Lady" and she was my friend. Of all the things she made me over the years, I will always cherish my Pillow Doll, she made me when I when I was sick. She is with God, my Wesley and so many others just giving them a "Hard Time" as always. Please know that I Love you all and will keep you in my prayers.
Love, Mary

Mary Coburn - February 27, 2007 at 09:36 AM

JW

“ I am so glad that God allowed me the honor of crossing paths with Ms. Bennie. She was like a grandmother to me and my family. She overflowed with love for all and forgot no one. Many lives have forever been changed because of the witness of Bennie Black! I will never forget the first time we brought our new baby to church and the look on her face when she saw her. It was another grandbaby to her and she loved her unconditionally. What a witness of God's love for us. Thank you Ray and family for sharing your mom and grandmother with us.

Joe Whitehead - February 27, 2007 at 08:35 AM

CS

“ I can't tell you how much the Black family has meant to me over the years. I was born and raised at Calvary Baptist Church, starting in 1959. I can still remember Bennie reminding all of us "kids" not to run in the halls church. "This is God's House!", she would tell us - with much love in her voice! Over the years, she loved my grandparents, my parents, my children, and my granddaughter. Bennie is deeply loved, and will be as deeply missed! I love you Bennie, and I love your family! Love, Cathy

Cathy Reader Sturrock - February 26, 2007 at 03:22 PM

DS

“ We are going to miss Grandma Black so much. Little Ethan always lit up for her and had a smile and a big ole' laugh just for her. She made him the most adorable baby blanket that we will cherish always and teach him about the wonderful woman that sewed her love into every stitch. She is smiling down on all of us and we know she'll have a list of stuff to tell us when we see her again in Heaven. Our thoughts and prayers are her many family and friends that God will wrap His arms around you all and bring you comfort in this time of loss.
Love, Dyann, Trent and Ethan

Dyann Smith-Rutledge - February 26, 2007 at 02:39 PM

KH

“ Dear Friends, Thank God for allowing me the opportunity of knowing your Mom. She made me feel welcome and at home the first time I came to Calvary as a visitor. I always felt as though I had a friend waiting for me. Her guidance is evidence in the lives of her large family. She was a great lady. God Bless You all, Ken

Ken Hopkins - February 26, 2007 at 02:08 PM

DH

“ Dear Family, Please know that my prayers are with each of you during this time of loss. I have loved you and your mom since 1958, when as a teen she and your Dad made me feel welcome in the youth group of Calvary. She was such a special person. Full of life always! She loved her family and was a great supporter of her Grandchildren. I can almost see the smile that crossed her face when Jesus reached for her hand! What a glorious homecoming that must have been. We all have such wonderful memories. She always was ready to lend a hand or speak her mind! She was not bashful for being a child of God. I am proud to have known such a Godly woman. God bless each of you during this special time. My love, Dorothy

Dorothy Reader Hopkins - February 26, 2007 at 02:03 PM

SG

“ Dear Friends, I am so sorry for your loss. Your mom was a very special woman and will be greatly missed. I have so many wonderful memories of my days growing up there at Calvary and your mom & dad are in so many of those special memories. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you and be with you. Love, Susan Kiser Gordon

Susan Kiser Gordon - February 26, 2007 at 10:04 AM