



Bernice May Stevens-Heyser

May 17, 1921 - December 7, 2016

Mrs. Bernice Stevens-Heyser, 95 of Huntsville, went to be with her Lord and Savior and “That Great Homecoming” on December 7, 2016.

Born Bernice May Ellsworth on May 17, 1921 in Corbin, Kentucky. She was the daughter of Frank and Luella Gilliam Ellsworth. Bernice was preceded in death by her husband Rev. James Lee Heyser, two older sisters, two younger brothers, and an infant grandson and infant granddaughter, Mary Elizabeth Clark. She is survived by a son, John Douglas Stevens, Sr. and wife Sherry and a daughter, Mary Cathy Jones and husband Jimmy. Bernice has four grandchildren; John Douglas Stevens, Jr, Dawn Stevens Smith, Robert Michael Clark, Robert Tye Clark, and five great grandchildren.

At age 16, Bernice graduated from Lynn Camp High School in 1937. In 1939 she was accepted to the Louisville General Hospital School of Nursing and was certified as a Registered Nurse in 1942. Continuing her education Bernice earned a BA in Health Care and Administration from Ottawa University in 1980. In 1957, Bernice accepted a nursing position as staff nurse at the U. S. Public Health Service Hospital in Galveston, Texas. In 1958 she became a supervisor and served in that capacity until she retired in 1981. Prior to 1957, Bernice was the Head Nurse at Laughlin Air Force Base Hospital in Del Rio, Texas. She was the County Health Nurse and School Health Coordinator for Johnson County, Texas. Bernice was a member of American Nurses’ Association and president of District #29 from 1970-72.

During her career, Bernice received numerous awards and letters of commendation not only for her skill and compassion as a nurse, but also training student nurses from Galveston's UTMB and Alvin Junior College. For many years, Bernice was a member of Highlands Baptist Church in LaMarque, Texas. She took great joy in being a member of the choir and teaching the Senior Ladies Sunday School Class. At the time of her death, Bernice was a member of Bethel Baptist Church of New Waverly, Texas. Next to her family, friends, and her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, her greatest love was playing bridge.

Bernice will be missed by her niece, Susan Maureen Dickey along with numerous other nieces, nephews, and friends. Other loving family members are Jesse and Jamie Lantron and their children Chloe, Wyatt, Jacob and Henry. Ross and Sheryl Jones and their son Charlie all considered her "Grandma".

Viewing will be held at Bethel Baptist church near New Waverly, Texas beginning at 1 pm on Saturday, December 10, 2016. The Service will be held afterwards at 2 pm. Rev Shane Wiggins and Rev. Chris Gardner of Bethel Baptist Church will officiate. Burial will follow at the East Sandy Cemetery which is located next to the church.

Pallbearers are Rick Sumler, Steve Gardner, Keven Lunsford, Scott Collier, Walter Kromwaltz, Richard Amirjo, Edward Owens, Jr., and Russ Peer. Honorary Pallbearers are the Brotherhood of Bethel Baptist Church, Alan Mayberry, Jeff Bartee, Kodie Peer, Donald Cherry, Clayton Cherry, Michael Patrick, David M. Roberts, CPA, Joe G. Brannan, and members of the Street Lords of Huntsville MC.

The family requests that Memorials be given to the Bethel Baptist Church Building Fund (% 1062 Elkins Lake, Huntsville, Texas 77340), the East Sandy

Cemetery Association, or to the charity of the donor's choice.

The family would like to thank our Church Family at Bethel Baptist Church for their love, prayers, and support during this time. Also. Loved and appreciated are the staff of The Lexington Center, the staff of Traditions Hospice, and Dr. Robert Karl Mahaffey and staff at Mahaffey Wellness Center for the care they gave our mother. A special thanks to Annie Cotrau, RN and her staff at Grace Memory Care in Spring, Texas who cared and loved Bernice during her final days on this earth. A very special thanks goes to Larry Graves and Andy Graves for the genuine care and services they provide, but also who we respect as men and true professionals, along with their entire staff at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home.

Our church family and dear friends cared for us and our Mother and will be forever in our hearts.

Cemetery Details

East Sandy Cemetery

New Waverly, TX

Previous Events

Service

DEC 10. 2:00 PM (CT)

Bethel Baptist Church of New Waverly
New Waverly, TX

Tribute Wall



“ *Bernice May Stevens-Heyser*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Cathy and Family,*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We are so sorry for your families' loss. Please know that you are not alone during your time of grievance. We love you all and we're here for you.

*Love,
Richard, Kristi & Family*

Richard Armijo - December 10, 2016 at 11:06 AM



*Cathy and family,
Am so sorry for your loss. Your mother was a wonderful Christian who radiated the love of Christ. I'll always remember her smile and kind words of compassion and concern for my family. She was an amazing person.
Paula Oliver Brightwell*

Paula Oliver Brightwell - December 11, 2016 at 06:04 AM



*Paula, thank you. Mama & I always loved you. You were a dear friend.
Thank you for your kind words.*

Cathy Stevens Jones - December 16, 2016 at 12:29 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bernice May Stevens-Heyser.*



December 09, 2016 at 09:35 PM



“ *John S. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Bernice May Stevens-Heyser.*



John S. - December 09, 2016 at 11:18 AM



“ *Bernice was a good friend for Eula Caywood. She was always there ready to help and ready to go somewhere with Eula. We so missed her when she moved away. Our prayers are with her family for I know they too will miss a sweet mother and friend.
Most sincerely, Sarah Ettredge*

sarah ettredge - December 09, 2016 at 09:11 AM



“ *Tropical Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Bernice May Stevens-Heyser.*



December 08, 2016 at 11:22 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Bernice May Stevens-Heyser*.



December 07, 2016 at 07:01 PM