



Bertha Vernice Ellisor

January 1, 1753 - December 2, 2013

Bertha Vernice Ellisor June 7, 1919 to November 27, 2013 Born in Bedias the 2nd child of 3 children (Ervin, oldest; James, youngest) to Radford & Beulah Bracewell Nesmith. Her mother died shortly after the birth of James from Tuberculosis. Vernice was sent to live in an orphan's home but rejoined the family when Radford married Lucy Mae Johnson Nesmith and had 14 more children. Vernice loved these children and cared for them devotedly. She was raised picking cotton and helping care for her younger siblings. She married Robert Brown and had 3 sons from this marriage & then divorced. On March 28, 1959, she married James Curtis Ellisor and they were the love of each other's lives until his death on June 6, 2004. She is survived by: sons, Danny Elton Brown (Lois) of Huntsville; Joe Robert Brown (Ann) of Palestine; and daughters, Jamie Sue Ellisor Brinegar (Donald) and Penny Renee Ellisor Fowler (Donald) all of Huntsville. Grandchildren include: Bobby Brown of Colorado; Veronica (Jake) Barrington of Lumberton; Dana Tutor, Sheryl Keys (Russell) & Becky Brown of Huntsville; Connie Gongre (Gary) of Huntsville; John Brown (Pam) of Palestine; Matt Brinegar (Leanne) of Huntsville; Jessica Cates (Bryan) and Donna Brinegar of New Waverly; Lindsey Fowler Davis of Huntsville; and 10 great-grandchildren. Also, brothers & sisters: Mitchell Nesmith; Doyle Nesmith; Bobby Nesmith; Charlie Nesmith; John Nesmith; Wilbur Nesmith; Billy Nesmith; Jesse Nesmith; Janie Sue Nesmith; and Kit Raymond. She is preceded in death by her beloved husband, James Curtis Ellisor; and son, Robert X. (Bobby Frank) Brown; brothers: Ervin Nesmith,

James Nesmith, Elmer Nesmith, Howard Nesmith; and sisters, Jewel Milstid and Louise James. After marrying Curtis at 40 years of age, she was determined to give him children since he had none of his own. She had had 3 grown sons from her previous marriage. At the age of 41, she had a baby girl; and 11 months later she had another baby girl. The girls were the highlight of their lives. After the girls were older she attended the beauty college of Huntsville in cosmetology, often trying out the hairstyles on her two girls. Needless to say, they soon figured it out & would hide whenever she started getting her hair salon supplies out. But waitressing was always her love and she worked many years at many of the best cafes/restaurants (Bobbitt's' Chicken Shack, The Chef, Cafe Texan, Terry's Restaurant, Glynn Turner's, Tinsleys) as well as Piggly Wiggly in town. She was always loved by her co-workers & affectionately called "Bernie" by them. Curtis was physically handicapped due to all his heart surgeries and unable to work physically so she had to be the breadwinner for the family. She would often work 8 hours; return home to only have to return again a few hours later to work another shift. It was while she worked at Terry's Restaurant that Curtis decided to run for County Road Commissioner Pct #3. He served for a total of 16 years and she was able to retire from waitressing. Vernice received excellent care from many people whom she held very dear. Dr. Tommy Cole cared for both Curtis and Vernice for many years. They could not have asked for a more caring and committed physician. Upon the passing of her love Curtis, Vernice was able to stay in her home for six and a half years under the care of her friend and dear companion, Ms. Barbie Vaughn. She has most recently been cared for by Divine Life Change for the past two and half years. The family also thanks Odyssey Hospice and nurse Nancy Solara for making her last year on earth the best it could possibly be. She always loved her family & visitors and getting together the family for family reunions. Funeral services will be held Monday, December 2, 2013, 11:00 a.m. at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in Huntsville, Texas with Rev. Reagan Cooksey officiating. Interment will follow in Mayes Addition of Oakwood Cemetery in Huntsville.

Family will receive friends Sunday, December 1, 2013, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Bertha Vernice Ellisor*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of your dear mom. She had a beautiful smile as you do. You are to be commended as a daughter, for stepping up to the plate for providing the love and care that she needed. You always had her best interest in your heart. Your dad would be proud of you and especially your Heavenly Father. Be thankful too for that ole Donnie,... being there providing his love and support. Love you and get some much needed rest.*

Anita Jones - December 03, 2013 at 05:56 PM



“ *Just a note to say THANK YOU to the many friends and family that have sent food, cards, flowers, plants and expressions of condolences. The past week has seen an outpouring of love and sympathy for the passing of my cherished mom, Vernice Ellisor. Our family always knew how very special she was to us but it was extra special to us to hear stories from those that knew & loved her, also. I am just happy that she has been reunited with my beloved father and God has received another angel to keep the angels smiling. THANK YOU so much again and May God Bless you & yours...
Jamie Sue & Don Brinegar Family*

Jamie Ellisor Brinegar - December 03, 2013 at 04:55 PM



“ *Jamie Sue and family, so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

Martha Snosgrass Hutchinson - December 02, 2013 at 04:24 PM

MS

“ Penny -

My sympathy to you and yours on the loss of your Momma. I know it has been hard but you stepped up as a loving daightr and did your very best for Miss Vernice. Mr Curtis wold have been very proud of you and I am sure the two of them are laughing and smiling as they look down on all otheir loved ones.

Hugs and positive thoughts - Cricket

Jessi & Donna -

You know your Granny is smiling on you every day just like Mr. Curtis has been for all these years. Take peace in knowing that you have two incredible angels looking over you . . .Always.

All my love to you, Aunt Marlene

Marlene Smith - December 02, 2013 at 03:09 PM

SE

“ *Jamie Sue and family, I always have an always will have fond memories of Vernice - I am so very sorry for your loss - My sympathy and prayers are with family and friends*

Sue Vermillion Ellisor - December 02, 2013 at 12:21 PM

MN

“ *Danny & Lois,*

All of us here at McGilberry Mechanical are so very sorry to hear of Mrs. Ellisor passing away. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with your during this difficult time. We hope that wonderful memories are a comfort to your and your family.

Mike & Tammie Nokes - December 02, 2013 at 09:56 AM

TH

“ My heart has been heavy since I got the news. Mrs. Ellisor was a sweet lady, with such a sweet spirit. My thoughts, and prayers are with the family. Penny just know that I love u and I will keep your family in my thoughts and prayers.

Tamicka Holman - December 01, 2013 at 03:20 PM

DF

“ Penny and Don, Many warm thoughts and prayers sent your way with the loss of your dear mother. Please know that your father sends you a knowing wink for the most excellent care that you have provided for your mother in his absence. I can nearly see him smiling down on you, saying, "I love you and thank you.....I'll take it from here, Sister...."

Dr. John Cazort and family - December 01, 2013 at 01:28 PM

MC

“ Jamie, Penny and Family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. With Big HUGS we embrace you and pray for strength to carry on. Try to turn the sadness into sweet memories that I pray will carry you through this hard time of letting go of someone who has held you for so long. God Bless

Mike and Margo Chandler - November 30, 2013 at 09:47 PM

KW

“ Penny and Family: So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. God was ready for another angel to help watch over His flock. God bless you and give you strength during this time.

Ken and Theresa Westbay

Ken Westbay - November 29, 2013 at 10:36 PM

CH

“ *Jamie, I'm so sorry for the loss of your mom. Don't you know they are having a big reunion in Heaven.
She was a very sweet lady. I loved your mom dad.
You and the family will be in my prayers.
Love you !*

Carolyn

Carolyn Cooksey Hanselman - November 29, 2013 at 07:45 PM

JC

“ *Jamie, I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. My prayers are with you and your family.*

Jessica Castleberry - November 29, 2013 at 03:06 PM

DS

“ *Jamie and Connie,*

I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of Mrs. Ellisor. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

David Stacks - November 29, 2013 at 12:29 PM

PA

“ *My dear friends Jamie & Penny my heart goes out to you & your family but know that she is resting in the arms of our savior..May God give you strength in the days to come..Love you dearly*

Pap & Alpha Ashley - November 29, 2013 at 12:21 PM

MF

“ *Jamie & Penney*

We are so sorry for your loss. It's so hard to go through the loss of a parent. My heart goes out to you. I love you both and I am praying for both of you and your family.

Mellicent Sikes Wiley & Family - November 29, 2013 at 11:45 AM

EC

“ *Our deepest sympathy for your family at this time. Your Mother was very blessed to have such a committed family to care for her every need. Our prayer is that you will be comforted.*

Earl and Sherry Carter - November 28, 2013 at 11:54 PM

LG

“ *We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Larry & Martha Grisham - November 28, 2013 at 09:21 PM

PB

“ *We love you and are praying for a peace and understanding Jamie Sue. She is with Curtis now and more importantly in the arms of Jesus.*

Patty & David Back - November 28, 2013 at 08:36 PM

MR

“ *Jamie:*

I am thinking of you and praying for you and your family during this time of sorrow. I know it must be difficult to lose her the day before Thanksgiving, but I am praying that Daddy God will bring you comfort and peace. I love you!!!

Mandy Roach - November 28, 2013 at 02:46 PM

SL

“ Joe, Danny, Jamie Sue and Penny, I want you to know how much I loved and respected your mother. As the oldest of 17 siblings, I know her young life was hard and she surely changed many diapers, wiped a lot of hands and faces, rocked a lot of babies to sleep and nursed a lot of fevers and runny noses, and every one of those 17 brothers and sisters loved her like a second mother. It says a lot about a person to be that loved and you were all lucky to have her for a mother. I never left her that she did not say "I love you baby." I love you too Aunt Vernice, you rest now.

Sandra Nesmith Lillard - November 28, 2013 at 02:20 PM

DG

“ May the love and peace of Jesus comfort you and your family in such a difficult time.

Donna Gay - November 28, 2013 at 02:17 PM

AS

“ I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of Mrs. Ellisor. I know y'all treasured her dearly, and are finding comfort in knowing she is with your grandfather again. Y'all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Angela Scott Stacks - November 28, 2013 at 01:01 PM

DU

“ Our thoughts, love and prayers are with you r family. May God wrap his comforting arms around you during this difficult time.

Danny and Pam (Shelly) Upchurch - November 28, 2013 at 10:35 AM

PY

“ Penny, Don and family,
I know your Mom is at peace now. You have
Given her the upmost comfort just being apart
of her everyday that she was her on this earth.
I am praying God gives you comfort at this time.

Your parents were blessed to have you Penny as a daughter.
You gave your all and then some to your Mom
and Dad.
God Bless you , Pam York

Pam York - November 28, 2013 at 08:56 AM

BN

“ So sorry to read of Vernice passing away. Hold onto the good
memories you have in your heart. You will be remembered in my
prayers for God to comfort you at this time.

Beverly Conner Niederhofer - November 28, 2013 at 12:42 AM

CB

“ Jamie, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during
this difficult and sad time. May God comfort you with his peace and
strength now and the days to come. Just remember this...when
someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a
treasure. Treasure the memories. Heartfelt hugs to you and your
family dear friend.

Carolyn Goodrow Baker - November 27, 2013 at 09:16 PM

DP

“ Jamie and Family,
Sending you Hugs and Prayers.
God Bless!!

David & Rose Paluka - November 27, 2013 at 08:47 PM

BH

“ *I am so sorry. I miss Mother so. I always enjoyed being at your house.*

Brenda Hooker - November 27, 2013 at 08:13 PM

MR

“ *We are keeping you and your family in our thoughts and are sending you thoughts of love and comfort.*

Martee and Bennie Rush - November 27, 2013 at 07:43 PM

SM

“ *Jamie, I am so very sorry for the loss of your Mom. I remember when we were younger & our Mom's & Dad's were such good friends & we were at your house all the time. She lived a long wonderful life & was one of the sweetest women I have ever known. My heart goes out to you & your family & I will be praying for you through this sorrowful time. Love you so much my dear friend!*

Sharon Goodrow Moates - November 27, 2013 at 06:26 PM