



Dorothy Louise Hargis

February 6, 1926 - December 20, 2006

Dorothy Louise Hargis, 80, passed away quietly at her home in Elkins Lake on Sunday December 18, 2006. Family and friends were everything to her and they were with her at the end. She had been diagnosed with ovarian cancer less than a year earlier. She was born on February 6, 1926, to Annie and George Wells at Madisonville. Her parents were farmers and sharecroppers and she herself worked in the cotton fields as a child. With great effort by her and her family, she graduated from high school in Madisonville, living in town with a local family. She immediately went to work in Houston. There, in 1944, she met Raymond Earl Gardner, who was in the Coast Guard. Raymond was from Weldon, a tiny Trinity River town only a short distance from Madisonville. Louise and Raymond settled in Huntsville at the end of World War II, where they raised four children. She worked as a housewife, devoted mother, bookkeeper, doctor's assistant, and at Sam Houston State University Alumni Association. Although Louise loved traveling, she never wanted to live anywhere other than East Texas, and she did not. Raymond Earl died in 1977. Louise married Bill Dillard in 1980. They spent seven years together before Bill died of cancer. Louise married widower Gerald Hargis in 1991. They were married for ten years when Gerald died in 2001 of cancer. Louise is preceded in death by her mother and father, her sister Billie Jean Wells and her three husbands. She is survived by her brother George Wells and his wife Gay Wells of Anderson, and their son Mike Harrington; her four children, sons Donald Ray Gardner and his wife Patricia Ann Muffin of Travis County, their

daughters Dawn Rivamist Gardner-Murfin and Aurora Leah Gardner-Murfin, and great granddaughter Yemanja Leona de Luz Free; Ronald Dale Gardner of Huntsville; Randy Lee Gardner and Beth Nesmith of Huntsville, grandchildren Jeff Gardner and John Gardner Edwards; and daughter Margaret Ann McAdams and her husband Byron McAdams of Comfort, their children Greg McAdams and Shannon Bethea, and great grandchildren Ashlee Bethea and Colby Smith. Louise remained close to Gerald's daughters, Diane Louther and Kathy Moss. Funeral arrangements are through Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. The family will be receiving from 6-8 pm on the evening of Tuesday, December 19, 2006. Services will be held at First United Methodist Church of Huntsville, 10:00 AM December 20, 2006. Burial will follow the services in the Addickes Addition of Oakwood Cemetery, Huntsville, Texas. Louise will be missed by many. The family expresses heartfelt thanks to all of her friends and caregivers who provided prayers, food, and comfort throughout her illness. Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Huntsville, Walker County Chapter of the American Cancer Society, or the charity of your choice. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy Louise Hargis*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Margaret and family, I am sending you my heartfelt prayers and good wishes. Remember to count God's many blessings and to live richly in the beautiful memories your mother has left within you and all around you. I send greetings and love from Quitman, Texas. Lean on the God who brings comfort to the ones that He loves. God bless you all. Mary Ann Nichols*

Mary Ann Nichols - January 05, 2007 at 12:48 PM



“ *Ronald, Donald, Randy and Margaret: I recall clearly the day Ronald walked by my desk in 5th grade, looking nither left nor right, and CERTAINLY NOT at me, and dropped off his disk on my desk. With that, he became my first beau. The "romance" was very short (did we ever even talk to each other during that time, Ronald?!), but I got to know all of you Gardners over the next several years. I know your mom was a truly wonderful person. As you mourn your loss, know that even 41 years of divergent paths can not separate us from the love and care and prayer of friends during these sad times. God bless each of you. Love, Sandy (Sandra) PS: I live in Fort Worth as of 2 weeks ago, after 18 years in Shreveport. Feels right to be back in Texas.*

Sandra McCollum Hogan - December 21, 2006 at 09:44 AM

RA

“ Dear Margaret, I am sorry for the loss of your mother. Our mothers are so very special to us and you have been a very special daughter to her as well. You have been there with your mother so much during her illness and you will have those special memories and times to treasure in your heart. Our prayers are with you and your family.

Wilma and Ray Avery

Ray and Wilma Avery - December 20, 2006 at 05:12 PM

NP

“ Dear Margaret and Boys,
I have such fond memories of much younger carefree days at the Gardner home. Your Mother was such the homemaker and made the best cinnamon toast ever! She was always trying to help us girls to be not quite so silly and to be a little more ladylike (not sure she was successful there!). I remember she would help us out when the wrath of the "Brothers" would come whenever we were caught playing with thir record collection on the bunk beds!!
I pray for God's blessings on you all as you mourn the loss of your wonderful Mom.

*Love,
Nancy McCollum Potts*

Nancy McCollum Potts - December 20, 2006 at 01:13 PM

KF

“ I didn't find out in time to come tonight to visitation. I was terribly disappointed when I realized I missed coming to tell you all how sorry I am and that I will be praying for all of you. Your mom was one of my favorites growing up. Margaret, I love you and hope you know that I would have been there if I had realized in time. You, too, are one of my favorites you know. Love to you all. Kay Fountain

Kay Nabors Fountain - December 19, 2006 at 09:51 PM

RL

“ Dear Margaret and Family.....we send our love to you at this sad time....Margaret, you were a blessing to your mother during this past year....May God give you peace and keep you in His care...He is caring for your mother.

Rick and Ruth Lundberg - December 18, 2006 at 02:30 PM

NJ

“ My, what wonderful memories I have. How I will miss talking to you on the phone, etc. Thanks to Randy for getting off the top of the house he was building and going to ask you to call me. The SHSU Alumni Association was so glad you said yes that you could start to work as a fantastic Secretary for many years. I love you, Norma Dell and Jerry D. Jones of Lovelady

Norma Dell & Jerry D. Jones - December 18, 2006 at 12:58 PM

KB

“ Dear Margaret & family,

We send our sincere condolences to you and all of your family as you mourn the loss of your beloved mother/grandmother.

May you find strength in your belief in the Lord above and may His great love comfort each of you.

*Thoughts and prayers,
Kent & Aggie
Comfort, Texas*

Kent & Aggie Burgess - December 18, 2006 at 12:02 PM