



Lila Mae Caraway

November 24, 1948 - December 14, 2024

Lila Mae Caraway, age 76 of Huntsville, Texas, passed away on December 14, 2024. Lila was born in Gadsden, Alabama, on November 24, 1948, one of seven children born to AL and Mildred Birdwell.

Lila attended school in Gadsden, Alabama, while attending Etawah High School she was introduced to Ervin "Buddy" Caraway through a friend as a pen pal and in March of 1967 they were married. Lila, a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, loved God, family, church, music and her pets. Lila worked for the United States Post Office as a union steward for many years, before retiring after 27 years of service, was a member of Cook Springs Baptist Church, and active in her community for 52 years.

Lila Caraway is preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Buddy Caraway, her parents, Aurvie L Birdwell and Mildred NeSmith Birdwell, sister Frances Dickerson and brothers Charles Birdwell, and Marvin Birdwell; and bother-in-law Troy Bearden, extended family members, in-laws Ervin B and Elizabeth R. Pruitt Caraway, sister-in-law Deborah Barker, Herman and Gracie Caraway, Opal and Frank Weisse, and cousin Floyd Weisse.

Lila is survived by her children, Elizabeth Caraway and Donald Caraway, daughter-in-law Emily Caraway, grandchildren Cory Clow, Rylie Clow, Caitlin Clow, Dale Caraway and great grandson Reign Caraway, sister Vera McDaniel and husband Burton McDaniel, Mary Bearden; brother David

Birdwell and wife Lynn Birdwell; extended family members Joy Black, Aunt Phyllis Pruitt, Nancy Chambliss and husband Randy, Roy Caraway and wife Karen, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation will be Thursday, December 19, 2024 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Tx from 6 pm – 8 pm

Funeral services will be held at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home on Friday, December 20th at 10 am, burial will follow at Hillside Cemetery, Cuero, Tx. Arrangements are by Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, you can make a donation in Lila Caraways Name to Cook Springs Baptist Church or HEARTS Veterans Museum, Huntsville, Tx.

You may view the services live at the following link, starting 10 minutes before service time:

<https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/a24129642848605>

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery

Cuero, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **19**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
(936) 291-7300
belinda@shmfh.com

Funeral Service

DEC **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Lila Mae Caraway*



Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - December 20, 2024 at 09:24 AM

RH

“ *Lila was a dear friend and co-worker at the Post Office. She was a tireless member at Cook Springs Baptist who helped to encourage so many. I know that she is enjoying her reward for a life well spent.*

Richard Hicks - December 23, 2024 at 10:46 PM

SD

“ *Lila was our family and sister in Christ Jesus. We thank God for her life as she touched so many of our lives. She was a faithful and loving wife to Bud and walked every hard road with him in his service to our country and the price they both paid for our freedom. May the Lords continued blessings be on her children and grandchildren. All our Love and Prayers Sandy (Pruitt) Day.*

Sandy Day - December 20, 2024 at 09:27 AM

GD

“ I only met Lila once when I was young but during that time she made a special impact on my heart. She opened her home to me and showed me love as if I was her own child. I remember sitting on her couch and hearing an ice cream man and getting so excited that she encouraged me and my cousins to go chase it down. We ran down that road with no shoes on and no money in hand until we couldn't see that truck anymore. Lila then took us to the nearest gas station and let us pick any ice cream we wanted. Her energy was only warm and inviting when you were around her. Even as time passes and memories fade, my heart will never forget her.

Gracie Day - December 18, 2024 at 12:44 PM

CE

“ Charlotte Efird lit a candle in memory of Lila Mae Caraway



Charlotte Efird - December 17, 2024 at 05:30 PM

PO

“ Patty Ondras lit a candle in memory of Lila Mae Caraway



Patty ondras - December 17, 2024 at 04:54 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lila Mae Caraway.*



December 17, 2024 at 12:15 PM



“ *Marvin Hyvl & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Lila Mae Caraway*



Marvin Hyvl & Family - December 17, 2024 at 10:58 AM