



## Myrtie Leuvenia Willey

March 11, 1931 - June 17, 2020

Leuvenia Willey, 89, of Mauriceville, Texas passed away peacefully at her home in Huntsville, Texas on June 17, 2020. A visitation and lunch will be held on Saturday, June 20, 2020 at 12:00 to 2 pm followed by her Funeral Service beginning at 2 pm at the First Baptist Church of Mauriceville. Her service will be officiated by Pastor Kevin Brown of First Baptist Church of Mauriceville. Burial will follow at Jett Cemetery in Orange, Texas. Leuvenia Willey was born on March 11, 1931 to the late Jimmie Lee Welch, Sr. and his wife, the late Janie Hand Welch. A native of Rusk County, Texas, (Dugan Community), Leuvenia moved to Orange County in her teen years where she graduated from Mauriceville High School in 1948. She went on to marry Wayne Willey, former classmate and lifelong soulmate. She became a wonderful loving and caring wife, mother and homemaker and was greatly admired for her cooking talents by all; especially her pies, jelly rolls and MayHaw jelly. She also always made two cakes for family and friends that were delicious – a chocolate sheet cake and her red cake. When anyone would ask, she would gladly give her “red cake” recipe. Well, to our knowledge, no one has ever been able to make the cake as good as she did. We always wondered if she left out an ingredient or added something and she would just laugh when we asked. Her “red cake” and Chocolate cake will be sorely missed. She also loved keeping feeders out for the hummingbirds, and she took great pleasure in fishing. Never has there been a person who loved fishing as much as she did. She could out fish anyone and would stay out way past dark if she had enough bait. MawMaw

and PawPaw always had a pond of fish for all to enjoy. She was a full-time mother to her children until they left home, and she then obtained a Texas Real Estate license and sold for Hall and Hall Real Estate in Beaumont. In fact, she was named "Conservationist of the Year" for East Texas in 2003. She and her husband, Wayne, were King and Queen and Parade Marshals of the Mauriceville Crawfish Festival.

Leuvenia is survived by their four children: Sons and daughters-in-law Marshall Willey, Sr. (Kim) of Huntsville, TX; Malcolm Willey (Linda) of Montgomery, TX; Marvin Willey (Sharon) of Frankston, TX; and daughter and son-in-law, Melonee Willey Piperi (Ron) of Houston, TX. She is also survived by sister-in-law Merle Willey of Mauriceville, TX, and brother-in-law Tommy Willey of Panama City Beach, Florida, and special friends Glenda Humble Curry of Cedar Park, TX, along with Skip & Gloria Corley and Roy and Mitzi Snell of Mauriceville, TX.

Mrs. Willey also leaves behind her grandchildren Mandee Lee, Marshall Willey, Jr. (Rachel), Macee Cahill (Cannon), Natalia Piperi, Modie Piperi, Maloree Willey (Joe), Marvin Wayne Willey, Kristin Daye Burton, Brandon Daye, and Bryan Reaves (Niki). She was blessed with ten great grandchildren: Maryn Lee, Case Cahill, LouCasee Cahill, Stella Willey, Emma Fentem, Jaxon Fentem, Kullen Burton, McCade Reaves, Bryce Reaves and Harley Reaves.

Leuvenia was lovingly referred to as "Aunt Sis" by The Welch Family. She and Wayne were hard workers and always had a large garden. She canned and "put up" all kinds of vegetables and jellies each year and always kept a beautiful yard with all kinds of flowering plants and shrubs. She was known for always having a table full of food for anyone stopping by for a visit. She would never let anyone leave hungry or without a car-load of food.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Jimmie Lee Welch, Sr. and Janie Hand Welch, and her husband of 53 years, Wayne Willey. She is also preceded by her six brothers: Chester Welch (Janette), Junior Welch (Ora Dee), Cecil Welch (Juanita), Odis Welch (Bea), Jimmie Welch, and Eldon

Welch and nephew Nathaniel Welch and niece Carolynette Willey Kolb along with special friend Ira Nee Nichols Miller of Burkeville, Texas.

Pallbearers for the service will be Skip Corley, Keith Burton, Dutch Bowers, Eddie Welch, Tom Trantham, and Nat Welch.

Honorary Pallbearers are Tommy Burton, Don Willey, Tommy Willey, Chester Lee Welch, Larry Welch, Charlie Bertt, Ronnie Welch, John Dee Welch, Charles Welch, Harold Welch and Eldon Welch (Bubba), Jr.

The family would like to give Special Thanks to all of her caregivers at the Carriage Inn in Huntsville, TX: Angie, Anita, Bea, Tammy and many more. We also want to thank her wonderful caregivers at her Loving Care home and Compassionate Care Hospice. They all gave her special attention and she loved all of them. We want to give an extra special thanks to her “partner in crime” at the Carriage Inn, Beverly Bacon. They kept each other laughing for many years together and we are so grateful they had each other.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation be made in her honor to the First Baptist Church of Mauriceville, P.O. Box 56, Mauriceville, Texas 77626, in the name of Leuvenia Welch Willey.

The family request all attendees wear mask/face coverings to the service.

Memorial condolences to the family may be made at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Jett Cemetery

Orange, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **20**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church-Mauriceville  
11540 TX-12  
Orange, TX 77632  
(409) 745-3013

## Service

JUN **20**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Myrtie Leuvenia Willey*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Marshall, my prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

**Jeannine Jacoby** - June 30, 2020 at 08:07 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Myrtie Leuvenia Willey.*



June 19, 2020 at 08:42 PM



“ *Malcolm: Sorry for the passing of your mother. What a wonderful life.*

**David Henderson** - June 19, 2020 at 11:36 AM



“ *Edd & Terry Doughtie Artherholt sent a virtual gift in memory of Myrtie Leuvenia Willey*



**Edd & Terry Doughtie Artherholt** - June 19, 2020 at 10:17 AM

DY

“ Marshall I am sorry to here about your mom. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Don and MaryvYates*

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**Don and Mary Yates** - June 19, 2020 at 08:46 AM

NT

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Aunt Sis. She was certainly a beautiful lady with such a kind and giving heart. She always greeted us with open arms, lots of good food, like her fresh corn on the cob, peas, and delicious deserts. She would always have some good tasting Mayhaw jelly to give me. I opened a jar for my Grandson, Jacob to taste. He asked me "Mammy who made this jelly" and I told him why Aunt Sis made it. He said you better tell Aunt Sis she needs to make some more, this is sooo good. I can still taste all of it now.

*Sometimes we would travel together to East Texas to visit cousins and she and I would sleep together. We would stay up all night talking and laughing. I will cherish those talks till I die. We would just let it all go and laugh till we cried. Yes, these were the good old days and I do miss them and I will miss her too. Prayers for all in the family. Love you all very much.*

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**Nelwyn Trantham** - June 18, 2020 at 07:14 PM

LD

“ Melonee, I am truly sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. May my prayers offer some comfort to you you at this time, and our Lord Bless you and your family during this time of grief. You have my deepest sympathies. Love and Blessing Lynn Daigle

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**Lyndel Daigle** - June 18, 2020 at 07:11 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Myrtie Leuvenia Willey.*



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June 18, 2020 at 06:50 PM



“ *You will be missed. You were known to me when I was a child as Aunt Boonk. I always assumed it was because I couldn't pronounce your name. I will always cherish the great memories of You and Uncle Wayne, and getting to spend time with you two when I was younger. Love you always, Kevin*

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**Kevin Willey** - June 18, 2020 at 04:47 PM



“ *M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Myrtie Leuvenia Willey*



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**M. Hyvl** - June 17, 2020 at 11:35 PM



*I'm so very sorry to learn of her passing. She was always so nice and friendly when I would see her around Mauriceville. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you so you will have peace and comfort in the coming days and years. Hold your memories close and always be there for one another. Vickie*

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**Vickie Foxworth** - June 18, 2020 at 09:10 PM

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*So sorry for your loss. Hold on to the wonderful memories.*

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**Betty Herring** - June 18, 2020 at 10:06 PM