



Vera Lea Duke

December 16, 1912 - June 23, 2007

Vera Lea Duke was born December 16, 1912 in San Antonio, Texas and passed away at her home in Huntsville June 20, 2007. She was a Charter Member of First Assembly of God since 1924. Services will be held Saturday June 23, 2007 at 10 AM at the First Assembly of God Church of Huntsville. Interment will follow at Pine Prairie Free Will Baptist Church. The family will receive friends Friday June 22, 2007 from 6 to 8 PM at the funeral home. Serving as pallbearers are Grandsons; James Smith Sr., Bobby Joe Laskie, Ralph Laskie, David Duke, Herbert Duke Jr. Troy Beacleay, Kevin Rains, Edward Perkins with the great grandsons serving as honorary pallbearers; Billy Thompson, Kyle (Brownie) Thompson and Glen Helms. Her first marriage was to Sam Jackson Smith who preceded her in death on February 12, 1932. Children from that marriage include son Jack and wife Helen of Huntsville, daughter Bertha Celatha, deceased and husband Bobby E. Laskie from Farmington, NM and son James William born November 19, 1931 and deceased July 3, 1943. Her second marriage was to Jim Zachry Duke who preceded her in death on January 15, 1965. They had eight children; Bennie and wife LaVerne of Huntsville, Herbert and wife Ann of Willis, son Sammy and wife Dean of Huntsville, son Edward and wife Anita of Bedias, son Donald and wife Linda of Houston, daughter Peggy and husband (Randy) Reynolds of Huntsville, son Mike of Huntsville, daughter Patsy and husband Frank Countryman of Huntsville. She has twenty-eight grandchildren, forty-seven great-grandchildren and twenty-six great-great grandchildren (26 sets of five

generations with another one due in July.) She is also survived by one sister Mildred Daniel of Dallas and one brother John Barnett, two step-children; Belle Parker of Angleton and Ila Lowery of Deer Park. She is preceded in death by her father, Samuel Shepard and mother Bertha Ohlenberger Barrett and step-mother Edith Jane, and several step grandchildren, three sisters Alice Carter, Ava Rae and Florence Chester along with step-children Jimmy Harold, Dorothy Townsend, Juanita Slay and Lila Davis. The family would like to thank Lighthouse Hospice for the care and love of their mother. The family request in lieu of flowers donations should be made to Pine Prairie Free Will Baptist Cemetery Fund c/o of Lucille Carroll – 1033 FM 247 – Huntsville , TX 77320 or the charity of your choice. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Vera Lea Duke*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *TO THE SAM AND DEAN DUKE FAMILY AND ALL OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS. WE ARE SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR MOM SAM. WE LOVE YOU ALL AND HOPE THAT IT WILL BE A CONFORT IN THIS TIME OF LOSS. WE ALL KNOW THAT THE LORD HAS A PLACE FOR MS. DUKE AND SHE IS WITH THE LORD NOW.YOUR FAMILY HAS A SPECIAL PLACE IN OUR HEARTS, AND WILL BE FOR ETERNATY. LOVE AND PRAYERS ARE SENT TO YOU IN THIS TIME. BETTY,KIM,CHRISTINA,AND CASEY FANNIN*

BETTY & KIM FANNIN AND GIRLS - June 23, 2007 at 03:16 PM



“ *Bennie & Laverne, Please know that you and the rest of your family are in my prayers. I know your faith is strong and Jesus will carry you through. Love you both.*

Mary Glass - June 23, 2007 at 01:48 PM



“ *Uncle Sammy. Our prayers are with you and the entire family on your lose. I'm just glad we had the chance of knowing granny Duke. Remember one thing: God said he would not put more on you than you can burden. The footprints you see behind you are his.Hugs and kisses
Patti, Winston, Christi,Scottie, Angie & Luke.*

Patti & WinstonJaynes - June 22, 2007 at 03:54 PM

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“ To all of the family, which to us is our family:
We are here for you if you need us, and we want you all to know that our love and prayers are with you always. Granny Duke ment so much to us, and we send our deepest sympathy to all of you. All our love and Prayers, Dwayne and Karri Bates

Dwayne and Karri Bates - June 21, 2007 at 04:10 PM

PS

“ Duke & Smith families: Richard & I were saddened to hear of the passing of Ms. Vera. Richard has spoken many, many times about what a wonderful, wonderful lady Ms. Duke was and how much time he spent with the family. Of course, we know that she is with the Lord now and having a grand old time. Keep the faith and remember that she loved you all very much and God Loves you too. She will be missed by all. Our prayers are with you as you struggle through this grieving period.

Patricia & Richard Shelly - June 20, 2007 at 03:51 PM

SG

“ Dear Duke family, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Little Granny from this life into the everlasting arms of her Lord and Savior. I know how hard this is but just remember what a beautiful person she was and how many lives were touched by her sweet spirit. May God reach down his hand and comfort each one of you in the days and weeks to come. Bennie & Debbie, please know how much we love you both and how special you are to us.
Love, John & Susan Gordon, Brandon & Ryan

Susan Gordon - June 20, 2007 at 10:25 AM