



Verna Pirtle

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On May 13, 2015, at the age of 86, "Mom" departed from her earthly home in Huntsville, Texas to return to her Heavenly Home and spend eternity free from trials and pain.

Verna, the oldest of 3 siblings, was born December 15, 1928 in Gueda Springs, Kansas.

She was preceded in death by her Grandmother 'Ollie' Walker Heth, and Grandfather Robert Byron Heth, her parents Myrtle Heth and 'Newt' Cleghorn, Step Mother, Elsie Ruddle Cleghorn, younger sister Elsie Faye, younger brother Newton Charles, and her son David Bruce McLain, infant child Eva Darlene McLain and 3 infant grandchildren.

Verna spent her younger years in Wichita, Kansas and, at young age, joined the carnival and traveled the country side. In the early 50's she married and settled into business in West Texas and Arizona spending many years helping run the café and truck stop in San Simon, Arizona.

In the later years another journey. The family relocated to the Chiricahua

Mountains in Southern Arizona to mine for gold with a caretaker for the children. Verna and Nick would travel daily 27 miles to town to run the business while the children all traveled through the mountains to their one room school in Portal, Arizona. Some very lasting memories , hard work and pain.

Mom was very active in all school activities of her young children. And organized many fundraisers for those in need. Cake walks, school dances, and many other events for charity were common occurrences. In the early 1950's she and her husband donated land in San Simon to the Catholic Church for a new Church building which still stands there today.

Verna is survived by her children Roy Lee Johnson and wife Pamela ; Sherry Ann Carter and husband Earl; Forrest E. Nichols, Jr all of whom reside in or near Huntsville, Texas. Jack F. Vreeland and wife Elizabeth of Las Cruces, New Mexico; and Robert Newton Nichols and wife Laura of Pensacola, Florida as well as many grandchildren, great grandchildren and gg grandchildren nieces and nephews from all parts of the United States. She also leaves behind her many friends from Parkview Place where she has been a resident for many years.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Parkview Place, Resident Council, 1110 Avenue N, Huntsville, Texas 77340.

A celebration of life will be held at 3:00 PM on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at Parkview Place, 1110 Avenue N, Huntsville, Texas.

Memorial condolences may be made to the family at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Verna Pirtle*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Verna will be missed at Parkview Place Apts. She was a precious woman whom I am grateful for knowing.. May she rest in eternal peace... Thoughts and prayers are with the family of Verna..*



Mary Ann Bracewell - May 21, 2015 at 02:19 PM



“ *Michael & Penny Cleghorn lit a candle in memory of Verna Pirtle*



Michael & Penny Cleghorn - May 21, 2015 at 12:27 PM



“ *Michael & Penny Cleghorn ~ Keller, Texas purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Verna Pirtle.*



Michael & Penny Cleghorn ~ Keller, Texas - May 20, 2015 at 01:27 PM

CA

“ Charles And Elizabeth Anderson lit a candle
in memory of Verna Pirtle



Charles and Elizabeth Anderson - May 18, 2015 at 03:35 PM

RN

“ Robert And Lori Nichols lit a candle in
memory of Verna Pirtle



Robert and Lori Nichols - May 18, 2015 at 03:33 PM

JS

“ Janice Spence lit a candle in memory of
Verna Pirtle



Janice Spence - May 15, 2015 at 03:51 PM

PE

“ Sherry,
I remember what you wrote about how well
my mother was taken care of when she
passed away and I can say the same about
you.
Your a good daughter. I'm sorry for your loss. Penny



Penny - May 15, 2015 at 01:18 PM

JS

“ *Joe and June Smith*



June Smith - May 15, 2015 at 09:36 AM

MS

“ *Mellanie Strong lit a candle in memory of Verna Pirtle*



Mellanie Strong - May 14, 2015 at 11:30 PM


Charlotte
Efird

“ *Charlotte Efird lit a candle in memory of Verna Pirtle*



Charlotte Efird - May 14, 2015 at 11:24 PM

PA

“ *Pamela lit a candle in memory of Verna Pirtle*



Pamela - May 14, 2015 at 10:44 PM

DM

“ *Diana Cleghorn Maus lit a candle in memory of Verna Pirtle*




Diana Cleghorn Maus - May 14, 2015 at 08:10 PM

 Edna-Shane Berg

“ *Edna- Shane Berg lit a candle in memory of Verna Pirtle*



Edna- Shane Berg - May 14, 2015 at 07:34 PM

 Brenda Nana Kemper

“ *Brenda Nana Kemper lit a candle in memory of Verna Pirtle*



Brenda Nana Kemper - May 14, 2015 at 06:35 PM

EC

“ *Earl And Sherry Carter lit a candle in memory of Verna Pirtle*



Earl and Sherry Carter - May 14, 2015 at 06:21 PM

TU

“ *Teresa Bruce Uhlig lit a candle in memory of Verna Pirtle*



Teresa Bruce Uhlig - May 14, 2015 at 01:47 PM

LI

“ *Lisa lit a candle in memory of Verna Pirtle*



Lisa - May 14, 2015 at 01:23 PM