



## Wanza Lou Allen

October 12, 1920 - May 12, 2012

Wanza Lou Townley Allen Wanza Lou Townley Allen, of Huntsville, Texas, went to be with her Lord on Tuesday, May 8, 2012. She was born October 12, 1920, in Athens, Texas to Robert Marvin and Ollie Mae Robertson Townley; she was the first of their four children and was affectionately known as Aunt “Wanzie” to many of her nieces and nephews. She is survived by daughters, Lou Anne Bates and husband Bert of Spring, Texas and Sarah Kay McCrary and husband Bill of Arkadelphia, Arkansas; grandchildren, Laura Matthews and husband Blair, Lana Frank and husband Derrick, Amy Bates, Matthew McCrary and wife Andrea, Mark McCrary and wife Kristen; great-grandchildren, Walker, Wyatt and Piper Frank, Lauren and Luke Matthews, Michael and Julianna McCrary and Evan, Ella and Cash McCrary; beloved brother Myron Townley and wife Viola of Rui Dosa, New Mexico; and numerous other family members. Mrs. Allen is preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Dr. Milford F. Allen, parents, brother Warren Truman (killed in World War II), and sister Madeline Felts. Wanza Lou graduated from Valley View High School near Paducah, Texas and received her bachelor’s degree in 1941 from Texas Tech University. She began her teaching career in Anton, Texas and continued for many years in Texas and Arkansas teaching 6th grade through college level students many of whom expressed their thanks and appreciation in later years. She and Milford, a professor of History, moved to Huntsville in 1960 when he joined the faculty at Sam Houston State University. Wanza Lou was an active member of First Baptist Church, devoted

to the prayer ministry, her Sunday school class and many well-loved church friends. Wanza Lou was a skilled seamstress, excellent cook, a hard worker all her life in service to her family and others. She enjoyed fishing, traveling, and especially playing games with friends, family and later grandchildren and great-grandchildren whom she adored. Everyone wanted to sit by Grandma/MeMaw as her presence and positive attitude was infectious; her smile a ray of sunshine. Her peanut brittle at Christmas time was a special treat. Special thanks to Doris Mims, Teresa Hays, Debora Stoneham, and Yolanda Smith for their loving care during her years in Huntsville. Also thanks to Dr. Tommy Cole and special helper and friend, Johnny Amick. Thanks also to the attendants at Regent Care Center, The Woodlands, Texas for their care during her final months. The family will receive visitors Friday, May 11, 2012, from 7:00-8:00 p.m., at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. Funeral services for Wanza Lou will be held Saturday, May 12, 2012, 2:00 p.m., at First Baptist Church, Huntsville, Texas. Interment will follow at Adickes Addition of Oakwood Cemetery in Huntsville. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: Arthritis Foundation, Donations, P.O. Box 96280, Washington, DC 20077, or at their website [arthritis.org](http://arthritis.org); National MS Society, PO Box 4527, New York, NY 10163 or at their website [nationalmssociety.org](http://nationalmssociety.org); or First Baptist Church, 1229 Avenue J, Huntsville, Texas 77340. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wanza Lou Allen*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I met Wanza Lou in a 12-step meeting and she soon became a mentor/motherly person to me. One day I was having a particularly difficult time at work and I had to leave in a stressed-out state. Wouldn't you know that God put Wanza Lou in the vehicle right in front of mine at the stoplight. I caught her attention and she took me under her wing and let me rest at her home awhile. I'll always remember that day God put an angel in my path to comfort and calm me. Love you bunches Wanza Lou. God bless you and your family. Thank you for being there for me. You are a lovely lady with a vibrant spirit.*



**Julia W** - May 25, 2015 at 05:35 AM



“ *Sarah Kay, I am very sorry to hear about your mom. My thoughts and prayers are with you*

**Mary Beth Kaltwasser Cook** - May 11, 2012 at 12:42 PM

BH

“ Sarah Kay and Bill and Family:

*We are unable to be with you in person, but wanted you all to know how much you are in our thoughts. Your Mom was such a sweetheart and we enjoyed catching each other up on the news between our families. She will be missed!*

*Bob and Anne*

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**Bob and Anne Heartfield** - May 11, 2012 at 12:15 PM

MC

“ Sarah Kay, I am so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. She always had such kind words about my folks and kept me posted on yall. Your Mother was one of the sweetest!

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**Mark Chalker** - May 10, 2012 at 05:10 PM

KC

“ My dear Sarah Kay and Bill, how my heart goes out to you at this time! Know that my love, prayers, and sympathy are with you now and in the days following. How blessed we are to have godly mothers like yours who is recognized even in death as a prayer warrior.

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**Kathryn Crawford** - May 10, 2012 at 04:56 PM