



Novell "Mamma C" Cornelius

September 17, 1914 - August 1, 2012

Novell "Momma C" Cornelius, 97, of El Campo passed away early morning on August 1, 2012, at Garden Villa Nursing Home.

She was born on September 17, 1914 to Hollis Beene & Lela Laurence Beene in Purdon, TX. She grew up on her family's small farm close to Irene, TX in Hill County where she was the oldest of 10 children. She spent her childhood in Irene, where her and other kids would often ride a wagon with her dad to school and graduated salutatorian of her class.

Novell married Dick Cornelius on April 20, 1935 in Mount Calm, TX. Together they farmed and raised cattle in Quanah. Later she changed careers to the medical field and they moved to Freeport, TX. She worked there for 30 years until retiring from Dow Chemical Community Hospital in Freeport, TX as head of the EKG & EEG department. She was a life member of PTA, member of American Cardiology Technologist Association, and served on Garden Villa Nursing Home Resident Council.

Novell became a Christian at the age of 14 after attending a country revival. Her wishes were that she be remembered as a loving caring person who live a Christian life and left a good influence on others. She was a homemaker who created a lovely environment for friends and family and was known for her fudge, chocolate chip cookies, pear preserves, and fried chicken. She also will be remembered for her sewing, embroidery, & community service.

She was a wonderful lady with many names; Momma C, N.C., sister, Novell, Momma and her favorite Nanny. She was a dear friend to many, leaves great

memories and will be missed but never forgotten.

She is survived by her daughter: Joann Willms, grandson: Cord Willms, ex son in law: Fritz Willms, two brothers: Thomas & wife Wanda Beene, Buddy & wife Phyllis Beene, four sisters: Elaine White, Frances & husband Howard Brown, Vera & husband Raymond Johnson, and Peggy & husband Billy Hunsucker, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband: Dick Cornelius, and Grandson: Dwight Willms.

A memorial service will be held in her honor, Saturday August 4th, at 2 pm at El Campo Church of Christ. Memorial contributions may be given to El Campo Church of Christ, Alzheimer's Foundation, or American Diabetes Association. Words of comfort maybe shared with the family at triskafuneralhome.com
Triska Funeral Home, El Campo, 979-543-3681

Tribute Wall

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“ *Jo Ann and Cord,
Sending thoughts and prayers your way. I know you will dearly miss
Mamma C.*

Nell Moran - Angleton, TX - friend - August 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Deepest Sympathy to JoAnn and the family. Mama "c" will always
hold a special place in our hearts because of great memories she
gave us. Love Always, Rey, Sandy Escobar and Family*

sandra escobar - katy, TX - friend - August 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I know that Aunt Novelle is in a better place but we will all miss her.
Thankfully, she left us many fond memories.*

Bill White - San Antonio, TX - Nephew - August 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM