



Verna Lee Doyle Tarver

May 6, 1928 - August 20, 2013

Verna Lee Doyle Tarver passed from this life August 20, 2013. She was born May 6, 1928, in Cisco, Eastland County, Texas, to Homer Volney Doyle and Vera Rachel Hagar Doyle. She graduated from Cisco High School, where she was a Cisco Lobo Cheerleader. After a two week courtship, she married A. L. Tarver July 19 1945. They resided in Cisco until moving to El Campo, Texas, in 1952. She was a lifelong member of Memorial Baptist Church, where she participated in Sunshine Sisters for many years.

Through the years, she was a very active person. She worked at Young's Food Store as a checker, Reliable Furniture as bookkeeper, Bill's Dollar Store as manager, Sears as a Sales Representative, and Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton as a ward clerk. Throughout these years, she also sold Avon and was a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary and the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary. In later years, she volunteered at the El Campo Area Resale Shop, where the clients called her "Grandma." Even with all of this, her greatest accomplishment was her family.

She lived her life teaching her family the true meaning of unconditional love and forgiveness.

Family traditions were her mainstay. From family gatherings during all the traditional holidays to family vacations at Garner State Park, where her

passion for tradition led to the passing out of tootsie pops before the family and friends went for river floats. Christmas was a special time with the gathering of family and friends. It was an eye-opening event for new family members to see 80+ gathered around the tree to exchange gifts.

Her many hobbies included canning, crafts, embroidery, and decorating for each holiday and season. She was also an avid collector of Avon bottles and glassware, which led to many garage sales around town.

Nanna ended her phone calls with "Thank you for calling, Bye Now."

She ended all her prayers with "forgive us where we fail thee."

Her door was always open for friends, who were served coffee or tea, at any hour. She was always a phone call away for anyone who needed a prayer or to be consoled.

If you met or knew Nanna, your life was blessed!

Verna was preceded in death by her parents, daughter Tanya Tarver, sister Bernice Martin, brother Darvin "Bubba" Doyle, grandsons Jarred Farrar, Vince Schnurpel and special nephew A.D. Stuard.

She is survived by her husband of 68 years, A.L. Tarver, daughters Glenda Hemphill and husband Ed of Canyon Lake, Judy Hunter and husband Jimmy of El Campo, Rhonda Farrar and husband Garron of El Campo, Janet Wiggins and husband Craig of Montgomery, and son Randy Tarver and wife Debbie of El Campo. Grandchildren Scott Schnurpel, son Nikk and granddaughter Lillian, Samantha Perez and husband Chico, son Kevin and granddaughter Kamryn, daughter Kristen and grandson Avery, daughter Erika, and son Trey, Slayde Schnurpel and son Trevor, Gretchen Horne and husband Mike, son

Chance, daughter Chandler, sons Chase and Drake, Wendy Treme and husband Gregg, daughter Haylie and son Wyatt, Deedee Sammons and husband Mark, sons Jonah, Zachary and Mitchell, Todd Hunter and wife Stacy, daughters Reese and Hannah, Shayne Farrar and wife Senae, son Tyler, daughters Abbie and Heather, Keisha Pfeifle and husband Kimo, daughter Chella, Tiffani Reeves and husband Brian, son Keigan, and daughters Karli and Kaitlyn, Tasha Daniels and husband Jason, daughter Gabbie, Tanner Siems, DUBY Tarver and wife Misty, Dustin Tarver, Deric Tarver and wife Melissa, daughter Baylee and son Kade.

Extended Family: Linda and Dennis Bacak, Jennifer and Robert Kollaja, sons Jake and Kolten, Chad Bacak, and Clint and Robin Bacak, sons Weston and Dylan.

Funeral services will be at 10 am on Saturday, August 24, 2013 at Triska Funeral Home with Pastor Jim Lane and Pastor Rick DuBroc officiating. Interment will follow at Oaklawn Memorial Park.

Pallbearers are grandsons, Scott Schnurpel, Slayde Schnurpel, Todd Hunter, Shayne Farrar, Tanner Siems, DUBY Tarver, Dustin Tarver and Deric Tarver.

Memorial donations in memory of Verna may be made to Memorial Baptist Church or the donor's choice.

Tribute Wall

BC

“ *Though we have been separated by many miles and many years, how great it is to know that one day there is going to be a Heavenly Hagar Family Reunion with Verna Lee and Aunt Vera leading us in praise of our Savior and Creator! I pray the peace of Christ would be on all her family until then. God bless and keep you!*
Bailey Hagar, Jr.

Bailey Hagar, Jr. - Exeter, CA - Cousin - September 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Tarver Family , It has been 2 weeks since verna has been gone to be with our LOrd and her family in heaven Pray that God will continue to bless each of you, especially A.L. She was great friend., to everyone whoever she met. I know she is resting in peace now. May God bless all of you, today and everyday Darlene*

Darlene Pendleton - El Campo , TX - close friend - September 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time.*

Ray Hagar - Abilene, TX - cousin - September 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ I can remember spending many mornings and afternoons playing at the Tarver home with Janet and Tanya (mostly) while my mother, Verna and other lady friends sat around the kitchen table drinking coffee and gabbing about all of the going ons in El Campo. The Tarver home was always full of many kids from many families. The adults often played cards around the kitchen table while the kids were playing outside. I loved visiting at the Tarver home. I loved being around all of the wonderful friends they had visit at their home.

I know Verna will be missed by her family and friends. She always shared what she had with everyone and made you feel like part of the family. Her family and friends have many special memories to cherish and they all know they were blessed to know such a giving and loving person in Verna.

God has called a special angel home and I know she is sitting around the table with many of her friends watching over all of us!!

Cindy Witcher - El Campo, TX - family friend - August 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Our deepest and heartfelt sympathies to the family. She will be truly missed at Tarver family celebrations.

Bart and Mary Arredondo - El Campo , TX - friends - August 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ My thoughts and prayers for the family of a very sweet, caring woman.

Betty Herring - Brownwood, TX - Friend - August 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ TO THE TARVER FAMILY--I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. The obituary write-up in the El Campo paper was absolutely beautiful. It was a real tribute to the memory of a woman who was as beautiful inside as she was on the outside. You are all truly blessed to have had her as your mother. She always had a kind word for everyone. She will truly be missed.

God Bless this family, Marilyn Kucera

Marilyn Kucera - El Campo - Friend - August 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Joyce Spindle Owens - Burnet, TX - Cousin - August 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ The way you raised your family is the way it is supposed to be. Be proud, sweet lady. Be VERY proud. Rest in peace.

Diane Stewart - El Campo, TX - Long time friend of the family - August 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ My prayers are with you all. My first thought was what a wonderful reunion Aunt Vera and all the other loved ones gone before are having when she entered the gates of heaven. May Jesus our Lord give you peace and comfort.

Gloria Richardson - ABILENE, TX - Cousin - August 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ To the Family of Verna Lee Doyle Tarver,
Peace and Blessings to all the Family, we are truly sorry for the loss
of your dear sweet Verna. Thinking of you.
Diana Zabodyn & Family

Diana Zabodyn - El Campo, TX - friend - August 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ I remember Verna Lee as a gentle soul with a ready smile. God
blessed her with deep roots (over 60 years in El Campo, Texas), a
long marriage (68 years to A.L.), and a beautiful large family (six
children and many grandchildren). May God surround A.L. and all
those who remain with His healing and grace. Rest in peace, my
dear cousin, rest in peace!

Richard Spindle - Olathe, KS - First Cousin - August 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM