



Lou Ella Gayle

August 21, 1927 - November 30, 2011

Lou Ella "Wendy" Gayle, born August 21, 1927 in San Antonio, passed away November 30, 2011 at the age of 84 years. She attended Las Galinas School, a one-room elementary school where her mother was the teacher. She graduated from Harlandale High School and Trinity University. On June 1, 1946, she married J.C. "Jake" Gayle Jr. after he returned from World War II. She then embarked on a long and rewarding teaching career beginning at Stonewall Elementary School. After taking a few years off to begin her family, she returned to teaching at Hutchins Elementary, later moving to Flanders Elementary, and Gillette Elementary. She retired for a few years but returned to teaching at Losoya Elementary where she retired for the second time. In all, she taught elementary school children for over 40 years. She was a very loving and nurturing mother and her family was always her first priority. She had a passion for teaching children to read and loved bluebonnets. She was preceded in death by her parents, Tyner and Lorena Russell, her parents-in-law, John C. and Susie Gayle, her husband, John C. "Jake" Gayle, Jr., her sister and brother-in-law, Rosena Doll and Alfred Collins Gayle sisters married brothers, sisters-in-laws and brothers-in-law Laura and Willis Riggs, Myrtle and Aubrey McCrum, and Bill Wheaton. She is survived by her sons, Russell Rusty Gayle and wife Mary, John C. Johnny Gayle III, daughter Kathy McGuffin and husband Jay, sister-in-law Mae Wheaton, granddaughters, Jalyn McGuffin, Becky Chandler, Christine Prater and husband Kenny, numerous nieces and nephews, and many friends.

Services

Visitation will be held on Friday, December 2, 2011 from 5:00 P.M. ~ 9:00 P.M. at Brookehill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2011 at 10:00 A.M. at Oak Island United Methodist Church with interment following at Oak Island Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, you may make a donation to the Oak Island Cemetery Association or the Oak Island United Methodist Church Building Fund.