

Russell, Catherine Faye (McAmis) | 1923-2017

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Catherine Russell

Catherine Faye McAmis Russell, 93, of Decatur, died Friday, Jan. 20, 2017, in Kilgore.

Funeral was Jan. 24 at Decatur Church of Christ with Mike McDowell officiating. Burial followed at Oaklawn Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Russ Fothergill, Rob Fothergill, Gary Murph, Kenneth Murph, David McAmis and Doug Pierce.

Honorary pallbearers were Garland Lipsey, Gordon Ploeger, Wes Simmons, Alan Sessions and David Pierce.

Catherine was born Jan. 22, 1923, in Tolar to James and Della (Hufstedler) McAmis. Her mother died when she was 3, and her father worked on the railroad while his sister cared for Catherine, her brother and sister and five cousins.

After her father's death when she was 13, Catherine, her brother and younger sister lived on their own in Lamesa.

She married H.C. Russell Sept. 14, 1940, in Lamesa. They operated cotton and cattle farms near Lamesa and Brownfield until 1955. When her daughter started school, she worked in the school cafeteria in Welch.

After moving to Decatur in 1955, Catherine worked at Russell's Department Store and Renshaw Drug. She was a member of the Decatur Church of Christ for more than 60 years. Catherine volunteered with Wise Regional Hospital Auxiliary.

She was an excellent seamstress, who also knitted and crocheted beautiful work. Her handmade quilts are family treasures. Catherine was a loving mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother. She loved her extended family and regularly hosted family get-togethers.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; siblings J.D. McAmis and Jimye Cooley; half-brother Ray McAmis; her cousins with whom she was raised, Thelma Perkins, Lucille Murph, Glenn Pierce, Betty Parker and Billie Fitch.

Catherine is survived by her daughter, Cathy Fothergill and husband, Richard, of Kilgore; grandsons Russ Fothergill and wife, Cassie, of Belton and Rob Fothergill and wife, Stephanie, of Decatur; great-grandchildren Grace Catherine and Samuel Cole Fothergill of Belton and Riley Kay and Reid Ransom Fothergill of Decatur; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Memorial donations may be made to the Boles Children's Home, Decatur Church of Christ or the charity of your choice.