

Rawle, Joy Elaine (Rutherford) | 1934-2018

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Joy Elaine Rawle, 83, of Celeste, died Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at Briarcliff Health Center in Greenville.

Memorial service is 3 p.m. Sunday, April 22, at Legacy Pointe Central Baptist Church in Whitesboro with the Rev. Joe Patterson officiating. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery.

Visitation is at the church one hour prior to the service. Meador Funeral Home of Whitesboro is handling arrangements.

Joy was born Dec. 1, 1934, in Seminole County, Okla., before moving to Bridgeport where she grew up and attended school. She was the first child of Velpeau Rutherford and Pauline Ford Rutherford.

On Jan. 28, 1955, she married Jerry Elton Rawle of Decatur. Joy was a homemaker and an experienced seamstress, sewing for the public for many years. After her daughters were grown, she became an employee of Boy Scouts of America in Las Colinas. She retired from there after 18 years.

Jerry and Joy lived in Grapevine for many years and were members of Bethel Baptist Church. After they retired, they lived at Lake Texoma.

Joy was preceded in death by her husband; daughter, Sherrie Lee Rawle; her parents; and brother Larry Rutherford.

She is survived by her daughters, Faith Patrick and husband, Douglas, of Haltom City, and Angela Wilson and husband, James, of Celeste; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Memorial donations may be made to Legacy Pointe Central Baptist Church, P.O. Box 247, Whitesboro, TX 76273.