



Darlene Thornton

1941-2020

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Chico ~ Darlene Thornton, 78, went to be with our Lord Saturday, June 13, 2020, in Bowie.

Funeral is 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, at Hawkins Funeral Chapel in Bridgeport.

The Rev. John Williams will officiate. Pallbearers include Joel Oliver, Ted Gillum, Mike Richard, James Gillum, Trevor Richard, Justice Oliver and Tucker Oliver.

Darlene was born on July 31, 1941, to Audie and Jimmie (Shirley) Clark in Hico. She was united in marriage to the love of her life, Harry K. "Buddy" Thornton Sept. 10, 1960, in Fairy. Darlene was a homemaker, who was once recognized as one of 10 "Most outstanding homemakers in Texas," while living in Gustine. She was a devoted wife and mother always supporting her family.

Darlene was also a successful business owner with three locations selling fashion jewelry. Later in life, she found a love for dance and often she and Buddy traveled all over in their RV to dance and take in scenic views across America.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her daughter, Teresa Richard; and her sister, Barbara Abel.

Those left behind to cherish her memory are her husband of 59 years, Harry Thornton of Chico; her daughters, Melinda Gillum and husband, Ted, of Spicewood and Christie "Janay" Oliver and husband, Joel, of Lakeside; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; her sisters, Shirley Clark and husband, Don, of Keller and Mary Jo Haller of San Angelo. If so inclined, donations in Darlene's honor may be made to Silver String's Dance and Entertainment Center, 500 N. Smythe St, Bowie, TX 76230.

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