



## **Schertz, Jennie 'Mae' (Maxwell)**

1942-2023

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Jennie "Mae" Maxwell Schertz was born March 24, 1942, to T.N. and Jennie Mattie Maxwell in Decatur. She lived in and went to school in Greenwood for eight years and Slidell for four years of high school. Everyone knew her as Mae.

Mae married her high school sweetheart, James Schertz, on March 31, 1961. She moved to Slidell where they lived on the family farm. Mae helped James run the family custom wheat harvest business for 10 years, until they added a dairy to the farm. Mae started running the dairy farm for the next 30 years until they sold it, following the death of James.

In 1960, she was crowned the Wise County Old Settlers Reunion Queen. She was the FFA District Sweetheart. Mae loved sports, she played basketball in high school and was on the first girls' basketball team from Slidell to make it to the state tournament in 1960. Her love of sports continued throughout her life. She loved watching her children and grandchildren play every sport, not missing a game until her health started failing. Mae loved the Dallas Cowboys, Dallas Mavericks and the Texas Longhorns, often being caught yelling at the TV when they would mess up.

The thing she loved most was her family and the Lord. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Slidell, where she taught Sunday School for many years.

Mae is survived by her sons, Danny Schertz and wife, Laurie, of Decatur, and David Schertz and wife, Dawn, of Slidell; her daughter, D'Lynn Schertz of Justin and D'Lynn's close friend who Mae loved as her own, Jeanne Rannells, also of Justin; and brother, Frank Maxwell of Decatur. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Trey Schertz, Rance Schertz and wife, Kendra, Denae Beedlow and husband, Matt, Colby Schertz, Caleb Schertz and Sydney Schertz; great-grandchildren, Spencer and Gavin Schertz, Hayes, Hyatt, and Hallie Beedlow.

Mae was preceded in death by her husband, James Schertz; parents, T. N. and Jennie Mattie Maxwell; brother, Tom Maxwell; sisters-in-law, Marge and Sue Maxwell, Kathoma "Kathy" Bounds and Ann Schertz; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Johnnie and Oma Dell Schertz; and nephew, Matt Maxwell.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m., Sunday, August 6, 2023, at the First Baptist Church of Slidell. Pastors David Bradshaw and Todd Stevens officiated the services. Serving as pallbearers were Trey Schertz, Rance Schertz, Caleb Schertz, Matt Beedlow, Chris Fletcher, Brian Moore, Brent Lang and Kerry Lee Schertz. Honorary pallbearers were Colby Schertz, Spencer Schertz, Gavin Schertz, Hayes Beedlow and Hyatt Beedlow.

Memorial contributions may be made in honor of Mae to the American Diabetes Association ([www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org)) or a charity of your choice. Services were under the direction of Coker Funeral Home in Sanger. Please share a memory or offer your condolences to the Schertz Family at [www.cokerfuneralhome.com](http://www.cokerfuneralhome.com).