



## **Wylie, Bobbie Jo (Tipton)**

1933-2023

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Bobbie Jo Wylie was born on Feb. 1, 1933, to Ollie Lloyd Tipton and Izora (McCool) Tipton in Forestburg, on the site where Decie Ellzey's home stood. She transitioned to her heavenly home Feb. 4, 2023, in Nocona.

She spent most of her early years living in Nocona, Benjamin and Sanger. Receiving a strong dose of the McCool/Mitchell genes, she was a very strong-willed person. In school, she excelled in basketball, winning all-district honors while playing for Sanger High School. While living in Benjamin, she started working for the local telephone company and transferred from Benjamin to Saint Jo as a telephone operator. Through lifelong friends, Clifford and Dorothy

Richardson, she met George Ditzler (Red) Wylie Jr. They married in February 1954. These friendships lasted a lifetime, and on more Sunday afternoons than not, you could find them with these friends and sometimes more at Clifford and Dorothy's home where the game was 42. She traveled all over Texas with 4-H kids and also traveled the state going to longhorn cattle shows.

Until Red's death, the two owned and operated the local grocery, market, gas and feed store called Wylie's Grocery. Her long-time treasured friend, Catherine Willis, would say, "You can get everything from barbed wire to cucumbers there." They also raised cattle.

Bobbie is preceded in death by her husband; her parents; her sister and brother-in-law, Louise and Junior Wade; two brothers, Thomas Eugene Tipton and Samuel Lloyd Tipton; brother-in-law, Merwyn Tucker; and sister-in-law, Thelma Josephine Wylie.

She is survived by one daughter, Sheree Roberts and husband, Jim Bob, of Forestburg; two grandchildren, Kimberly Collins and husband, Jim, of Sadler, and Jy Roberts of Denton; one great-grandchild, Wylie Collin of Sadler; a sister, Polly Ann Tucker of Sanger; sisters-in-law, Miyoko (Jeanie) Tipton of Pilot Point, Clara Tipton of Sanger; many nieces, nephews and a host of love and cherished friends.

Bobbie's service will be 2 p.m. Thursday at First United Methodist Church in Forestburg, with interment following at Perryman Cemetery.