

Clark, Helen Marie (Garrett) | 1925-2017

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Helen Clark

Helen Marie Garrett Clark, 92, of Conroe, died Sunday, Feb. 26, 2017.

Funeral is 10 a.m. Saturday, March 4, at the DeBerry Funeral Directors Chapel in Denton with the Rev. Cliff Feeler officiating. Burial will follow at Oaklawn Cemetery in Decatur.

Visitation is 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at DeBerry.

Pallbearers are Cody Lewis, Jacob Elmore Lewis, Gary Powell and David Guzman.

Marie was born Jan. 6, 1925, in Lamesa to Nancy and James Lige Garrett, one of nine children. After graduating from Lamesa High School, Marie worked her way through college as a secretary and model, earning a Bachelor in Business Administration from Hardin-Simmons University in 1949.

She eventually married, adopted three boys and devoted herself to family life in Decatur. There she enjoyed knitting and having coffee with friends, playing “42,” attending her boys’ football games and involving her family in the many activities at the First Baptist Church.

After sending her sons off to college, then watching them begin families of their own, Marie moved to Denton. On July 24, 1994, she married Benjamin F. Clark, whom she adored until his death. She and Ben were members of the First Baptist Church in Denton where she was active in Bible study and the “Huggers and Helpers” Sunday school class. During these years, Marie most cherished the many hours spent with her beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She will be remembered as a woman of grace and charm, a stickler for grammar, fashion, decorum and table manners, and, most importantly, a loving grandmother and mother, unwavering in her love for her sons and their families.

Marie was preceded in death by her parents; husband; six sisters; and two brothers.

She is survived by her sons, William Marion Lewis Jr. and life partner, Amy Gilmour, of San Antonio, Robert Kendall Lewis of Alvord and Derrick Winston Lewis and wife, Linda Rae, of Conroe; and grandchildren Carrli Tenille Woodard and husband, Eric, Micah Renea Powell and husband, Gary, William “Cody” Marion Lewis III, Cassi Marie Hilliard and husband, Derek, Blake Allison Lewis, Jacob Elmore Lewis, Jade D’Ann Garner and John Gideon Ezell Lewis.

She is also survived by great-grandchildren Trinity Alexis Nivens, Caidyn Marie Powell, Corbyn Layne Powell, Hailyn Paige Hilliard, Brittyn Shae Woodard, Addisyn Grey Hilliard and Kaison Scott Shipp.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association North Central Texas, 2630 West Freeway, Suite 100, Fort Worth, TX 76102, 800-272-3900, alz.org/northcentraltexas/.