

Watson, Bessie Bell (Serrett) | 1931-2017

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Bessie Bell Watson

Bessie Bell Watson, 86, of Decatur, died Friday, Nov. 10, 2017, in Decatur.

Funeral is 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 17, at Jones Family Funeral Home in Decatur with burial to follow at Oaklawn Cemetery.

Visitation is 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Bessie Bell was born April 10, 1931, in Hamburg, Ark., to Leslie J. and Bessie Serrett. She attended Hendrix College and then graduated from Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, La., with a major in music education and a minor in piano and organ. Bessie Bell married her beloved husband, Randall, Dec. 27, 1953, in Hamburg.

She began her music career when she was 14 years old playing piano at the Methodist and Catholic churches in Hamburg. As the family moved about the country, she continued to find a place to serve the Lord with music. For the last 15 years, she has been the pianist at Rhome United Methodist Church. As passionate as she was about music, her children and family always came first.

Bessie Bell was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Billy Serrett and John Leslie Serrett; and sister Louisa "Sis" Britton.

She is survived by her husband of 65 years; sons David Watson of Galveston and Randy Watson of Decatur; daughter Beth Addington and husband, Paul, of Decatur; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association (alz.org) or a charity of choice.