

## Cantrell, Bobbie Ruth (Fletcher)

1926-2021

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Bobbie Cantrell



Bobbie Ruth Cantrell, 95, of Gainesville, passed away July 27, 2021, in Gainesville. Bobbie was born June 17, 1926, in Slidell. She was raised there and graduated from Slidell High School. She married Jimmy Cantrell Nov. 17, 1945, in Sanger and the couple moved to Gainesville in 1950. Mrs. Cantrell was employed for many years as a key punch operator with National Supply. As a 71-year-member of First Baptist Church, she loved her church family and Sunday School class. In her free time, Mrs. Cantrell played volleyball and bowled. She looked forward to her regular Bridge game, a club she had belonged to since the 1950s. She was affectionately called “Bobcat” by her family for her feisty and competitive personality. Mrs. Cantrell enjoyed beautifying her home by decorating, cooking (particularly desserts), and maintaining a flower garden that was often visited by birds she enjoyed watching. Her greatest joy in life was her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, of whom she was very proud. She was especially proud of her granddaughter, nurse Courtney Waddle, who traveled to New York City to care for COVID-19 patients.

Survivors include her daughter, Pam Henderson of Gainesville; son, Brent Cantrell and wife, Trudy, of Pilot Point; seven grandchildren (and spouses): Chris Henderson (Jennifer), Chad Henderson (Morgan), Courtney Waddle (Donald), Danielle Calderon (Alex), Tyler Nichols (Tyson), Dakota Cantrell and Bailey Cantrell; and nine great-grandchildren. Mrs. Cantrell was preceded in death by her parents, Hugh and Myrtle (Amyx) Fletcher; husband, Jimmy Cantrell; grandson, Curt Henderson; three sisters; three brothers; and son-in-law, Charley Henderson.

The funeral service for Mrs. Cantrell is at 2 p.m. Friday, July 30, at First Baptist Church of Gainesville with Dr. Jeff Langley officiating. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Noah’s Ark Animal Shelter or The Children’s Ministry at First Baptist Church of Gainesville.

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