



Jimmie Neely

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Jimmie Louise Riddle Neely, of Sand Flat, Texas, went to be with her Lord and Savior Thursday, June 18, 2020 at Homeplace Hospice of East Texas, Tyler, Texas. Jimmie was born on October 23, 1929 in Flomont, Texas to William (Buck) Armstrong Riddle and Merle Pyron Riddle. Jimmie moved to East Texas in 1939 and graduated from Tyler High School in 1947. She enrolled at Tyler Junior College and attended one year during which she met and fell in love with Erroll Wesley McFarland of Flint, Texas. The two married six months later and moved to the Sand Flat Community in 1952. They joined Antioch Baptist Church where she attended faithfully until, for medical reasons, she had to move to Wesley House Assisted Living Facility in Lindale, Texas. Jimmie was a stay at home Mom but was extremely active in her church, community and family activities. She taught Vacation Bible School and was an excellent Sunday School teacher. She touched the lives of many young men and women still living in Sand Flat but none more than her Grandson Caleb who she led to the Lord Jesus Christ. She always had time for ministering to others in the community and made time for any who visited her home. She was a loving Mother and served as a home room mother for her three children Benita, Lynn, and Eddies Wayne.

Jimmie was very proud of the fact that she was one-fourth Choctaw Native American on her Daddy's side. She carried her Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood card with her at all times. On her 90th Birthday she received a letter from the Chief of the Choctaw Nation recognizing her as a "Chata Elder", one of the most respected honors that can be bestowed on a member of the Choctaw Nation. Accompanying the letter was a "Wisdom Blanket" provided to elders for the guidance and wisdom given to others throughout their life. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband Erroll Wesley McFarland; son Eddie Wayne McFarland; brother Buddy Riddle; brother Johnny Austin; brother-in-law, Clifford Bartley, brother-in-law, Norman Cates; husband Dan Blackburn; and husband Leon Neely.

She is survived by her daughter Benita McFarland Turner and husband Bob of Tyler; son Lynn McFarland of Tyler; step-children Wayne Blackburn and wife Denise of Flint, Texas; Vicky Poskey of Ashland, Missouri; Melinda Powell and husband Scotty of Sand Flat, Texas; Preston Neely and wife Sarah of Sonora, Texas; and Frank Neely and wife Marty of Conroe, Texas; sisters Merlene Loving and husband Edsel, Lindale; Willene Bartley, Lindale; Carole Cates, Waxahachie, Texas; Linda Sanders and husband Roger of Idabel, Oklahoma. In addition, she has twenty grandchildren, thirty-one great grandchildren, three great-great grandchildren and many cherished nieces and nephews. Pallbearers are: Charles Wilson, Sand Flat, Texas; nephew—Monte Cates, Waxahachie, Texas; grandsons—Troy Turner, Tyler; Adam Turner, Tyler; Senior Airman Caleb McFarland, Seymour Air Force Base, Goldsboro, NC; Dustin Hollingsworth, Hideaway, Texas. Jimmie was a humble woman who never sought praise or attention. She was a woman who feared the Lord and He will “praise her and give her the fruit of her hands and her own works will praise her in the gates”. Proverbs 31: 30-31.

Funeral services for Jimmie will be held at 10:00 A.M. Monday, June 22, 2020 at the Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home in Lindale, Texas with Rev. Steven Nipp officiating. Interment will follow in the Sand Flat Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Sunday, June 21, 2020 at the Caudle-Rutledge- Daugherty Funeral Home.

SPECIAL NOTE: At the Neely Family’s request, all who attend the funeral service and visitation are asked to wear face masks.

Cemetery

Sand Flat Cemetery
793 County Road 313 West
Tyler, TX, 75706

Events

- JUN**
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Visitation

Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home
206 W. South Street, Lindale, TX, US, 75771

06:00PM - 08:00PM
- JUN**
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Chapel service

Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home
206 West South Street, Lindale, TX, US, 75771

10:00AM - 11:00AM

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - June 19, 2020 at 11:27 PM



“ I remember her working at the Sand Flat store across from the Park.

Glenda Thompson Griffith - June 20, 2020 at 03:32 PM



“ I am a resident at Wesley House and live two doors from Ms Jimmie. She was such a sweet lady with a beautiful smile. She always stopped for a few minutes at our table in the dining room. She will really be missed. We know she is with our Lord and is totally healed and praising Jesus. Her life will be celebrated. Peace goes out to her family. It was a blessing to know her.

Mary Stuck - June 21, 2020 at 03:06 AM



“ We are so sorry to have missed Mrs. Neely's funeral. We just talked to her on the phone 3 or 4 weeks ago. We told her we would come visit as soon as she was allowed to have visitors. We were looking for information on someone else when we found Jimmie's obituary. We will miss her very much and still miss Leon.

Dennis and Patricia Morgan and family

Dennis Morgan - June 24, 2020 at 10:55 PM



“ Thank you Dennis!!! She loved you both and greatly valued your love and prayers!

Benita Turner - June 26, 2020 at 08:10 AM



“ Lindsey Peiper lit a candle in memory of Jimmie Neely



Lindsey Peiper - June 22, 2020 at 01:16 PM



“ I had the honor of caring for Jimmie for 2.5 years at Wesley House she was always one of my favorites. She was beautiful inside and outside. She loved her family very much. She was a joy to be around always .RIP sweet lady love you



Stephanie - June 21, 2020 at 02:52 PM



“ Thank you so much Stephanie!!! She loved y'all and we appreciate all the love y'all gave her!!!

Benita Turner - June 26, 2020 at 08:12 AM



“ Benita and Bob and all your family. Our love and condolences to you in the loss of your Mother, Mother-in-Law and Grandmother. She must have been a beautiful person, inside and out. God's Blessings on each of you. Love and Hugs,
James and Kathleen Kyles
Flint, Texas

Kathleen Kyles - June 21, 2020 at 10:08 AM



“ Thank you Kathleen!!! You are such a sweet person!!! We are missing her greatly every day!!!!

Benita Turner - June 26, 2020 at 08:13 AM



“ I love Mrs. Neely, she was a very special lady and always had a sweet smile. She was one of a kind! Benita, thank you for the opportunity to know & love your mom! I will always have a special place for her in my heart!

Becky Edwards - June 20, 2020 at 06:06 PM



“ Thank you Becky! She love all of you and we appreciate the awesome care and love you all have her!!!

Benita Turner - June 26, 2020 at 08:15 AM



“ Our whole church family loved and really misses Jimmie.
Alice Wright

Alice Wright - June 20, 2020 at 04:30 PM



“ Jimmie was a wise woman, full of grace. She touched so many of us with her life as we grew up in the Sand Flat community. Beautiful both inside and out, she will be missed but not forgotten. Our love and prayers are with her family in their great loss.
Dinah Davis Webb

Dinah Davis Webb - June 20, 2020 at 01:08 PM



“ Thank you Dinah!! We are missing her so much!!! We miss seeing you and Wendell and I will e-mail soon!!! Love y'all!!!

Benita Turner - June 26, 2020 at 08:17 AM



“ Such a sweet lady and a precious family. Sincere condolences and prayers....Love,
Patsy Kirby

Patsy Kirby - June 19, 2020 at 11:54 PM



“ Thank you Patsy!! I know you know the hurt of losing a loved one!!! Prayers are so wonderful!!!

Benita Turner - June 26, 2020 at 08:18 AM



“ 46 files added to the album LifeTributes



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - June 19, 2020 at 11:18 PM



“ Willine and Merlene, Susie and Wally are so sorry for your loss. When I saw her photo, I thought, "What a beautiful woman."

Susie Fox - June 19, 2020 at 07:48 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Jimmie Neely.



June 19, 2020 at 12:44 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jimmie Neely.



June 19, 2020 at 12:21 PM



“ Karen Damon lit a candle in memory of Jimmie Neely



Karen Damon - June 19, 2020 at 12:10 PM



“ Angels are singing in heaven for Jimmie. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of the family in their earthly loss. In Christian love, Martha Ann



Martha Turner Fager - June 18, 2020 at 11:50 PM



“ Thank you Martha Ann!!! Love you!!!

Benita Turner - June 26, 2020 at 08:19 AM