



Deloria J Stovall

February 17, 1932 - July 6, 2009

"She cooked, and she cleaned." That's how Dody Stovall said her obituary should read. All she wanted to be in life, she said, was a wife and mother. She wanted a stable, secure home where she could raise children and be a helpmate to her husband. Dody lived the life she wanted. She was married in McAlester, Oklahoma to her high school sweetheart, Joe Mell Stovall, for 57 years. She reared three children, Cathy, Scott (wife Melinda) and Spencer (wife Debbie) and had seven grandchildren, Isaac and Carly Elzner, Krystle Logan, Fallon, Spencer, Reid and Hayley Stovall.

Besides homemaking with joy and skill, Dody did something else even better. She loved. She loved family, and she loved friends and strangers. Her smile, laugh and arms welcomed people wherever she was. Born in Gilmer, Texas in 1932, she moved frequently as a child. For her adult life, however, she chose to stay more rooted, living most of her years in Mesquite, Garland and Hideaway, Texas

Ovarian cancer introduced itself to her 19 years ago when she was diagnosed with it. Off and on through the years, she battled the disease with dignity, strength and grace. Her cancer lead her on a path of comforting and encouraging others with cancer and disease. Beginning her second chemotherapy treatment, her doctor, Dr. Allen Stringer, asked her to talk to one of his patients. From then on the flame burned to love and support others with

disease. She regularly visited many of his patients and formed friendships with ovarian cancer patients statewide and nationwide, even holding retreats in her home. With other members of her support group at Baylor Hospital, she authored a book called, TORCH, Tales of Remarkable Courage and Hope.

Many would agree Dody was remarkable, one of a kind. "There will only be one Dody," is a phrase often heard from friends. Her family and friends will miss her beauty, sense of humor and loving ways. She will leave behind a trail of people inspired by her. We are comforted that she is spending eternity in heaven with Jesus Christ.

Besides her husband, children and grandchildren, she leaves behind her sisters Jan Menkel (husband Ken) and Brook Davis (husband Sam) in addition to nine nieces and nephews and many cherished friends.

A Family and Friends night will be Wed., July 8, 6-8 p.m. at Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Home, Lindale, Tx. A service will be held Thurs., July 9, 2009, 2 p.m. at the Hideaway Community Church in Hideaway, Tx and a graveside service, Fri., July 10, 10 a.m., Harpersville Cemetery. Pall bearers are Bill Theroit, Wes Shamp, Bob Shearer, Herb Havens, Richard Beene, and Sam Davis.

Those who wish can donate in Dody's name to the following charities: Gideon International Bibles, Hospice of East Texas, Baylor Health Care Foundation for the Shelley McClure Ovarian Cancer Fund or twirligirli where a gown will be given to a girl in need in Dody's name at twirligirli, P.O. Box 302, Galveston, TX 77553.

Tribute Wall



“ *Deloria J Stovall*

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“ *Just wanted to let you know my thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Billy White##imported-end##*

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“ *Please except my condolences to you Spencer and your family! My prayers go out to you and the family.##imported-begin##Chris Ramirez##imported-end##*

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“ *As a child, I remember thinking how beautiful Dody was and that she was always smiling. Through the years, I learned she was as beautiful on the inside as she was on the outside. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Estella, Jo Ann, Martha and Cap##imported-begin##Estella Stovall Mask##imported-end##*

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“ Please accept my deepest sympathies for the loss of your mother. When I read her obituary, I thought to myself there is never a better way to be remembered than a loving wife and mother. Rest assured that she is in Heaven with our Lord and saviour! I know the pain is great but she is now painfree and resting in His hands. God bless you all! You will be in my prayers!!
Beverley Holmes

July 08, 2009 at 01:32 PM



“ The greatest legacy any of us will ultimately have and leave behind us will be a roomful of beloved sons, daughters and grandchildren. I'm saddened and join you all in your suffering at the ending of this remarkable lady's life. She is with the Savior now and will never again know pain or tear drops
MAJ Brad O'Brien

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“ Dody was a remarkable woman with strength that only comes from God. She loved fully and we are blessed to have had her touch our lives. We continue to lift all of you up in our prayers. Much love,
The Shultzes
Ron Shultz family

July 08, 2009 at 09:20 AM



“ Dody meant so much to us all. She was someone that gave us strength, courage and the fight to live. We know she will save each and everyone of us a place in heaven. Our thoughts, prayers and love are with her family.
Elena "Shortcake" Lowry

July 07, 2009 at 09:55 PM



“ There are absolutely not enough words to describe Aunt Dody, but the only one that comes to mind that comes close is "LOVE". She loved her family, her friends and most of all Jesus Christ. "Everything she did or touched was full of love. As a child I was a great fan of the Dallas Cowboy quarterback, Roger Staubach. Aunt Dody fought off crowds for more than 4 hours just to get his autograph for me. I still have it in my possession today. She was my second Mom and a great friend. Most of all she was my sweet Aunt Dody. I will forever hold her memories in my heart and I can hardly wait for the day I can reunite with her and all my loved ones in heaven, for I am certain she will have a mint waiting on my pillow and a wonderful meal ready for all of us along with her amazing smile, full of love. I love you Aunt Dody! May God's tender arms hold you forever. With all my heart, Kenny##imported-begin##Kenny Ewing##imported-end##

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