



Ilena Bowen McBurnette

March 23, 2023 - October 18, 2011

Ilena Bowen McBurnette was born on March 7, 1923 to James and Evelyn Jones Bowen in Cushing, Oklahoma. She departed from this life on October 18, 2011 at the Hospice of East Texas in Tyler, Texas.

She was proud of starting to work during the era of Rosie the Riveter. After she moved to Houston she worked as a dental hygienist. She later taught at the University of Texas Dental Branch. She and her husband retired to Hide-A-Way where they were both avid golfers. Her many artistic talents were shown by her painting, knitting, and crocheting. She was a member of the Knitting Club of Hide-A-Way and helped provide lap robes and hats for the ETMC cancer patients.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 42 years, C. E. McBurnette, and her son, Michael McBurnette. Also preceding her in death were her parents, her brother, Neil, and her sister, Jacquelyn.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Patrick and Shush McBurnette of Roswell, Georgia and a daughter and son-in-law, Elaine and Leamon Russell of Lufkin, Texas. She also leaves behind a grandson and granddaughter-in-law, Colin and Abbie McBurnette and a granddaughter, Erin McBurnette.

The family will receive visitors Saturday from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Home in Lindale, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Hospice of East Texas.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ilena Bowen McBurnette*

October 05, 2023 at 02:48 AM



“ *Ilena Bowen McBurnette*

October 05, 2023 at 12:01 AM



“ *I am so sorry the loss of your mother and I know that she will be missed. May God give you peace and strength through the days ahead. Love and Prayers. Pat##imported-begin##Pat Crager##imported-end##*

October 21, 2011 at 08:09 AM