



Wanda Quenell Claxton Sibley

November 8, 1927 - November 17, 2014

Wanda Quenell Claxton Sibley, 87, passed away on November 17, 2014 in Tyler, Texas. She was a retired office organizer, executive secretary and librarian, who was born on 11/8/1927 in Brownfield, Texas. She attended over 37 schools in West and Central Texas during the Depression, before moving with her father and younger brother to Southern California. She graduated from high school when it was a 11 year program, having skipped the 3rd grade. She met her future husband, Willis Prescott Sibley, on the pier in Long Beach, California. They had a whirlwind courtship and married on July 26, 1945 in Norfolk, Virginia, when she was just 17 and Willis (Sib) was a 19 year old Navy Midshipman. They were married for over 69 years. Wanda supported Sib while he used the GI Bill to attend LSU to obtain a B.S. degree in Petroleum Engineering. The young couple lived in south Texas and their eldest daughter, Debra Jan, was born in Midland, Texas. Their second daughter, Rebecca Ann, was born two years later in Big Spring, Texas. In 1954 they then began their expatriate life by moving to Maracaibo, Venezuela; they enjoyed living there amid revolutions and a small oil community for several years before moving for a brief time to Taft, California. Before two years had gone by, Sib was transferred to Teheran, Iran. There they enjoyed golf and tennis, travel and the expatriate community before moving to Masjid Suleiman in southern Iran. Wanda re-organized the petroleum library, they became amateur archaeologists and met people from all over the world. Their daughters attended the American Community School of Beirut, Lebanon

where they both completed high school. Wanda and Sib then moved to Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, where they lived and worked for 10 years before moving back to Texas and eventually retiring in Hideaway, Texas. Wanda loved having adventures while travelling, reading true-life novels, eating out and shopping, but most of all, she loved her family. They will all miss the vibrant and feisty woman.

Wanda is preceded in death by her parents, Arles Belvin Claxton and Ada Cloe Lusk McCarty, her younger brothers, Glen Claxton and Don McCarty. She is survived by her sisters, Joyce Quisenberry Meissner and Sandra Mayfield, and Wanda's husband, "Sib" Willis Prescott Sibley, her daughter, Debra Jan Sibley Roland and husband James Newton Roland of Rockwall, Texas, and daughter Rebecca Ann Sibley and husband, Clifford James Barnard, of Boulder, Colorado; her grandsons, Jerod, Jacob and Justin Roland and Nathaniel Barnard and granddaughter Hilary Barnard; and her five great grandchildren.

Funeral Services will be on Friday, November 21, 2014 at 11 am, at Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Home, 206 W. South Street, Lindale, Texas 75771.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **21**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ *Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Wanda Quenell Claxton Sibley*



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - November 21, 2014 at 09:53 AM



“ *Wanda Quenell Claxton Sibley*

October 05, 2023 at 02:48 AM



“ *Wanda Quenell Claxton Sibley*

October 05, 2023 at 12:01 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Wanda Quenell Claxton Sibley.*



November 20, 2014 at 12:31 PM

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“ Love, Walter and Diane purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Wanda Quenell Claxton Sibley.



Love, Walter and Diane - November 20, 2014 at 10:41 AM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Wanda Quenell Claxton Sibley.



November 19, 2014 at 09:54 PM