



Ethel Earhart

October 30, 1934 - May 21, 2016

It is with heavy hearts and great sadness that we announce the loss of our loved one, Ethel Lee Earhart. She passed away on Saturday, May 21, 2016 at the age of 81.

Ethel Earhart was born on October 30, 1934 in Turkey Creek Louisiana.

She was the middle daughter of 3 sisters. She attended Ville Platte High School. During high school she played guard for the basketball team and began working at an early age. Some of her jobs included working as a live-in babysitter, ticket collector at the movie theater, and assisted at a beauty shop.

While she was working at the beauty shop her classmates informed her that she was elected as the homecoming queen.

Ethel wanted to attend college and her high school counselor helped her with an opportunity to attend SLI (ULL) in Lafayette, Louisiana. She studied Business Administration and took 21 hours per semester while working. Some of her jobs included working in a floral shop and an insurance company. She graduated with a B+ in her major while taking a heavy course load and working.

After she graduated she accepted a position with Humble Exxon where she met her husband, Hal. They married in 1956 and she began her life as a stay at home mom. Hal's career took the family to several cities over the years and Ethel was very busy raising her three children.

She enjoyed spending time sewing, playing the ukulele, playing tennis and traveling to her son's tennis tournaments, fishing with our family in Corpus Christi, and gardening.

She and Hal were also interested in the health benefits of vitamins and invented a vitamin wheel dial that was both educational and a quick reference tool.

Ethel has always been a devoted mother and when she became a grandmother she continued to be there for them. She currently has 7 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren, and 2 more on the way.

Two of her granddaughters carried on the tradition and graduated from ULL. Two other granddaughters are attending college, one studying music at the University of Wisconsin and the other studying at University of South Carolina. Her grandsons have graduated from college and enjoy electronics and law enforcement. We are blessed to have had Ethel as a role model, devoted mother and grandmother.

Ethel was a loving and devoted wife, mother, sister, grandmother, and great grandmother. Ethel will be dearly missed by her two daughters, Karen Starr and husband John of Houston, TX, Patti Guillory and husband, Darrell of Lafayette, La., one son David Earhart and wife Elizabeth of Atlanta, GA, grandchildren, Jason Little and wife Melinda, Jonathan Little, Justin Little and wife Kerri, Jennifer Guillory, Jamie Foreman and husband Jonathan, Emili Earhart and Paige Earhart; seven great-grandchildren, and one sister Marlene Milam of Lafayette, LA,.

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Harold, and one sister Betty West.

A private memorial service was held for the family.

Comments



“ I have fond memories of visiting Ethel and Hal in Corpus Christie. Ethel was a great host and it was very relaxing to be with them. Ethel had many interests and played tennis regularly till she could no longer play due to a bad back. She is very much missed.

John Starr

John Starr - June 28, 2016 at 12:52 PM



“ I remember as a young kid having great summers with both Grandma and Grandpa. We took various road trips to Disney World, Sea World, Dollywood, Carlsbad Caverns etc. But some of my most special/best memories are from sitting on the back porch at their house just visiting and playing cards. They are both truly missed! --Jennifer Guillory

Jennifer Guillory - June 22, 2016 at 01:21 PM



“ Another example of Mom and Dad's love for their family was to plan family beach trips to Padre Island in the green blazer. Mom was always the navigator and kept us from getting lost. We would beachcomb during the late 60's and 70's for seashells. We would drive to Port Mansfield, Texas(bottom tip of TX) and find garbage bags of sand dollars. They are priceless these days. Sometimes we would get stuck. That was fun too!

She recently commented after talking with Patti and the Girls how much she missed the family crabbing outings!

Karen Starr - June 22, 2016 at 10:56 AM



“ The biggest gift that someone can give you is to know that you are loved by them. I never had the slightest doubt that Mother loved me unconditionally to the day that she died. Thank you Mom!

David Earhart - June 21, 2016 at 09:25 AM



“ The first memory of Mom was when I needed to learn my multiplication tables for 1st grade. I was so discouraged. She told me Karen "You can and you will learn your multiplication tables! It takes practice. We are going to sit here of the top of the stairs until you feel you are ready!" Until she died she was always there for me!

Karen - June 16, 2016 at 10:57 AM



“ Mom's love and devotion to Dad and her children was transcended until her death. She was always a phone call away until her final breath! She always said: "Call me and let me know that you are home safe." If I forgot to call, she would call to check on me!

Karen starr - June 15, 2016 at 09:06 AM



“ The first memory of my mother was when she insisted that "I can and will" remember my multiplication tables. We lived in Trenton, NJ at the time and internet and cell phone were not available. She and my Father acquired the flashcards during a heavy snow storm. she sat with me upstairs and helped me recite them until I felt assured that I could go to school and recite them. The entire time she commented "Karen we need to check on your sister and brother!

Mom's

Karen starr - June 15, 2016 at 08:58 AM



“ I remember her laugh and how sweet it was. I also remember her love for dogs, and especially those Greyhounds! She would always help me when I played Gin Rummy with Grandpa and made sure I won a few times! When I was playing college baseball, she and Mom would call and check in to see how I was doing and how the team was doing and to check on me! We would fly kites across the street in the big field in Corpus, and will never forget catching crabs off the doc at the beach house! Great times and memories.

Will be missed, but not forgotten.

Jason

Jason Little - June 06, 2016 at 05:49 PM



“ Emili, Wow! Those are beautiful memories Emili. I remember you remembering and liking those things about her. I love that saying “I’m lonesome for you” and I say it now sometimes because I learned it from her and loved hearing it from her. I remember how she loved animals and that time we took her to Zoo Atlanta to see the Pandas. I remember that she supported me when I got so lost driving Grandpa and her to Blue Ridge and I too loved how she enjoyed sitting outside and being around her plants. I still have those christmas cacti that I took clippings from and think of her when they bloom (which is always around Thanksgiving, so I call them Thanksgiving cacti). I also have that fun memory of when she, Grandpa dad and I played golf together in Long Beach. From Elizabeth Earhart

David Earhart - May 25, 2016 at 01:16 PM



“ I still have the bracelet she gave me when I was really young with the little stone in the middle. I always had some fascination with the necklace she wore with the same stone and she'd always wear it when we'd come visit. It was that purple one...can't remember what it is. Like a deep, dark purple

Powdered chocolate milk will always remind me of her--same with grandpa

I appreciated how she sat outside a lot. Especially when she was living across from patti, I remember her coming over and sitting outside for hours--seemed like the only thing really "grounded" about her at the time

She'd always say "I'm so lonesome for you"--sounds random and common but I've literally never heard anyone say that and it always seemed striking when she said it. From Emili Earhart

David Earhart - May 25, 2016 at 01:13 PM