



Nell Fricke Sylvest

February 14, 1932 - June 3, 2024

NELL FRICKE SYLVEST, AGE 92

And a resident of Franklinton died Monday June 3, 2024 at her home. She was a devoted Christian woman whose life centered on family and faith. Nell grew up attending and later raised her own family in Bethel Baptist Church, a church founded in 1907 by hers and Mr. Lawrence's grandfathers. At Bethel, she taught Sunday School, played the piano for countless church services and sang in the choir. Every summer, her car would be filled with young children she brought to Vacation Bible School. Later on, she and her husband were active members of Hillcrest Baptist Church for many years, where she fellowshiped in the Sisters of Strength Sunday School Class. Most recently, Nell attended Victory Baptist Church on many occasions before her health prevented her from going. She truly loved the Lord and each of her church families. After her children began school, Nell worked in the accounting departments and offices of Dairyman, Inc. for 13 years and she served at Bickham Oil and National Grocery in Franklinton for several years. Nell enjoyed cooking for her family, church and friends and was known for her delicious dumplings and dressing. She cherished all the time spent with her beloved family.

Survived by:

Son and Daughter in law: Lawrence Elwyn, II "Larry" and Debbie Sylvest of Franklinton

Daughter: Kathy Lenora Sylvest of Franklinton

Son in law: Devoy Hill of Franklinton

8 Grandchildren and Spouses: Lawrence Elwyn, III "Tres" and Debra Sylvest,
Jason Charles Sylvest and Erin Sylvest,
Elizabeth and Derek Kennedy,
Jeremy Devoy Hill,
Jacob Alan Varnado,
Jared Evan Varnado,
Stuart and Marie Varnado,
Kyle and Leslie Varnado

Great-grandchildren: Kirsten Sylvest,
Ashlyn Sylvest,
Amber and Travis Dedeaux,
Justin Sylvest,
Emma Hill,
Nora Sylvest,
Kristina V. Seal and Bradley Seal,
Dylan Varnado,
Mason Varnado,
Madesyn Varnado,
Morgan Varnado

4 Great-great-grandchildren

Brother and Sister in law: Dudley and Helen Fricke of Baton Rouge

Sister in law: Jeanette Fisher Sylvest of Franklinton

Also numerous beloved nieces, nephews and other family members.

She was preceded in death by daughters Jeri Sylvest Hill, Rhonda Nell Sylvest Varnado, husband of 72 years Lawrence Elwin Sylvest, parents George Fricke and Edna Corkern Fricke, sister Tessie Graham, sister and brother in law Martha and Osler Goss, brothers and sisters in law Pete and Sue Fricke, Fred and Fran Fricke, Ray and Boots Fricke, brothers in law Billy Sylvest, Sammy Sylvest, brother in law and sister in law Joe Floyd and Ann Sylvest, sister in law and brother in law Freda and Enoch Welch and son in law Harold Varnado.

Visitation will be at Bethel Baptist Church (42592 Bethel Road, Franklinton) on Friday June 7th from 12:00 pm until 3:00 pm. A funeral service will be held in the church at 3:00 pm Friday with Bro. Gary King, Bro. Larry Archote and Bro. Rick Cook officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Members of Washington Parish Fire District #2 will serve as pallbearers.

Tribute Wall

LB

“ *Linda Bridges lit a candle in memory of Nell Fricke Sylvest*



Linda Bridges - June 06, 2024 at 11:20 AM

LB

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you! Much love! The Bridges

Linda Bridges - June 06, 2024 at 11:21 AM

TM

“ *Mrs. Nell was a good friend and encourager during our years working together at Dairymen, Inc. She always gave the best hugs! May God comfort her family and friends as only He can do 🙏. Sincerely, Terry King Moak*

Terry King Moak - June 05, 2024 at 11:01 PM

SB

“ *Susan Barber lit a candle in memory of Nell Fricke Sylvest*



Susan Barber - June 05, 2024 at 07:07 PM

BL

“ *Thoughts and Prayers to Bro. Larry, Debbie and other Family and Friends of Ms. Nell. ❤️🙏*

Barbara M. Lewis - June 05, 2024 at 06:26 PM

LR

“ So sorry for your loss. Praying for all of you to find peace and comfort !!!!

Lyne Logan Robbins - June 05, 2024 at 02:46 PM

FC

“ Such a wealth of friends and family listed in this obituary. I was in school twelve years with Pete and knew family and Bethel Church well. I am thinking a joyous celebration on the other side.

Finley Corkern - June 04, 2024 at 06:50 PM

AJ

I remember her. Hi to you Finley. Hope you are doing well. We miss Jackie. Too

annwood Jenkins - June 05, 2024 at 09:53 AM