



Ruth Corkern

June 6, 1917 - January 8, 2015

Ruth Ann Tynes Corkern, February 6, 1917 – January 8, 2015 was born in her parents' home in Stateline, Louisiana. Throughout her long and productive life she had a wide range of experiences and careers.

She grew up helping on the family farm, picking cotton and doing other chores along with her siblings and many cousins. She played basketball at Pine High School and at Southeastern University. She briefly taught in public school before joining the First State Bank in Bogalusa, Louisiana. After World War II she moved with her husband to their farm in Pine, Louisiana. During the 1950s and 1960s she worked at the Bogalusa Community Medical Center and at the Green and Reedy Farm Supply Company in Franklinton, Louisiana. In 1960 she founded the Franklinton Kindergarten, which she owned and operated until kindergarten became a part of the public school system. During the 1970s she managed several apartment complexes in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and during the 1980s she helped manage the Long Beach Mini Warehouse in Long Beach, Mississippi owned by her sister, Evelyn Magee. She retired in 2005, at the age of 88.

In 2007 she moved to Lafayette, Louisiana. A lifelong gardener, she planted and tended a beautiful flower garden outside her apartment window in Lafayette.

She was a dedicated Christian, serving her church for her whole life. She began playing the piano in church as a young child and retired as a Sunday School teacher more than 80 years later. She continued to read the Bible daily

for as long as she could – well past her 95th birthday.

She never lost her spirit of generosity, compassion, and sense of humor.

She is survived by her three children Wilton C. Corkern, Jr. and Mary Bruce Corkern, David E. Corkern and Jess Corkern, Ruth Anne Devillier and Reggie Devillier, her sisters Mildred Ellen Wiedenhoeft and Evelyn Magee, four grandchildren and spouses Jessica Woodworth and Oran, Molly Corkern and Fiance' Richard Wagner, Sarah Pursel and Kyle and Jana Gosney and Caleb, five great grandchildren Bethany Woodworth, Abigail Woodworth, Gabriel Woodworth, Mattias Gosney, and Jaren Gosney and an expected great grandson.

She was preceded in death by her husband Wilton C. Corkern, Sr., her parents James Nevis Tynes and Ethel Juliann Crain Tynes, her sisters Lattice Sturtz, and her brother the Rev. Lochte Tynes.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home or to the charity of your choice.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home after 10AM Monday, January 12, 2014 with a funeral service to be held at 2 PM in the chapel with Rev. Bernard Magee officiating. Burial will follow in the Ellis Cemetery.

Obituaries can be viewed online at www.crainfh.com

Tribute Wall

BL

“ *Wilton, I am sorry o yor LSU's. we never want to give up our moms. My prayers as you nd your family heal.*

Brenda Knight Lindig - February 04, 2015 at 06:46 PM

ME

“ *David, Ruth Ann & Wilton, Although it's been many years since I've seen your sweet Mother, I can close my eyes and picture her- a beautiful lady - inside and out. My love and prayers to you all.*

Martha Knight Elliott - January 13, 2015 at 06:16 PM

PC

“ *So sorry for your loss. Just now seeing about this. You are in my prayers. love you*

Paulette and Barry Crain - January 12, 2015 at 06:50 PM

RW

“ *Dave, Ruth Anne, and Wilton, I remain very grateful for your mother's kindness to me and my brother Al as well as to my mother when we were children. Her kindergarten was a special blessing to my brother. I also have fond memories of her from our teenage years when we Journeymen boys were playing music together. All three of you are in my prayers. May God place His great comforting hand on each of you. - Rodney*

Rodney Wood - January 11, 2015 at 05:43 PM

JB

“ Your mom was 10 people in one body.. Such a gift and such a visionary.. I'm so sorry for your loss.. I wish for you Gods peace..
~Jay Bailey~

Jay Bailey - January 11, 2015 at 01:46 PM

JV

“ Miss Corkern - my kindergarten teacher. Me and so many, many others. What a wonderful lady and incredible impact she had on all of our young lives. It is so nice to know that she led such a full and blessed life. Rest in Peace, Miss Corkern.

JoBeth Gatewood Valentino - January 10, 2015 at 11:47 PM

JB

“ I am so sorry to learn of about you Mother's passing. May God bring each of you comfort and peace.

Judy Rollins Burch - January 10, 2015 at 03:15 PM