



Clara Belle Sexton

May 18, 1922 - April 21, 2017

Clara Belle Taylor Sexton, age 94, passed away at her Arlington, Texas home in her sleep with her family and granddog Abby by her side Friday April 21, 2017. She was preceded in death by her husband Inman, parents John William Taylor and Belle Hendren Taylor, siblings Mae Graham, Esther Bowling, Chester , Kearney, David, and John Taylor.

She is survived by her daughter Mary, son Richard, brother Paul and wife Christine, sister in law Susie Taylor, granddog Abby, and many nieces and nephews. Her special friends included Nola and Fred Rodgers, Pearl Hendrickson, Martha Lee Dalton, Geneva Newman, and the TSBC homebound team of Peggy Sexton and Wanda Jo Lewis. Her adopted Texas family included Molly, Billy, and Loyd Jones; grandchildren Reagan and Nathan; and great grandchildren Caleb, Carson, and Trae.

Although not diagnosed until 2014, Clara bravely fought the symptoms of normal pressure hydrocephalus 25+ years. Clara was born May 18, 1922 in Arredondo, FL., where her family lived briefly and owned an orange grove. She worked at Farnham's Hardware, Chase Drugs soda fountain, and the Harriman Hoisery Mill. She also taught in the nursery at Trenton Street Baptist Church for many years, and was a member of the church for over 75 years. She loved working in her large vegetable garden with her rototiller plow, and in her yard. In later years, she continued to start tomatoes at her winter home in

Texas, then transplanting them when she returned to Harriman for the summer.

She was always willing to help others, whether they needed a ride to get their groceries, to see the doctor, or by giving them vegetables from her garden either fresh, or that she had canned. She lived a life of service and often went "above and beyond", setting an example of a true Christian life. She believed deeds were better than words.

The family will receive friends at the Kyker Funeral Home in Harriman, Sunday April 30 from 1 - 2 pm and a memorial service to follow, with Rev. Tony Boswell, and Ted Taylor officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Trenton Street Baptist Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **30**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Clara Belle Sexton*



Kyker Funeral Home - April 27, 2017 at 02:28 PM

ST

Beautiful tribute

Steve Todd - April 27, 2017 at 04:17 PM

KK

“ *Wonderful woman!!!*

kim kennedy - April 29, 2017 at 06:05 PM



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Kyker Funeral Home - April 28, 2017 at 04:26 PM

ST

“ I remember when she and my mom worked together at the Chase Drugstore fountain. She was always smiling and had something nice to say to the school kids that would come for lunch or drop by after school.



Steve Todd - April 27, 2017 at 04:07 PM

MS

Thank you, Steve. She loved working with your mother and getting to know your day. She enjoyed the school kids so much!

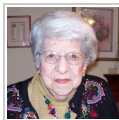
Mary Sexton - April 27, 2017 at 08:47 PM



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Kyker Funeral Home - April 27, 2017 at 10:13 AM



I worked with Clara at Chase Drugs during High School 1967 thru 1970 .This was the old Chase Drugs that had the big fountain area and restaurant. She was a sweetheart and we were dear friends. I seen her on and off thru the years and then she moved away.

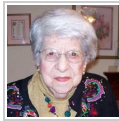
Sharon Christmas - April 27, 2017 at 11:35 AM



“ Clara (on left), with one of her much loved Trenton Street Baptist Church nursery Sunday School groups, about 1973.



Amy Sexton - April 27, 2017 at 06:13 AM



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Sharon Christmas - April 27, 2017 at 11:36 AM

MS

Thank you Amy for posting this photo!
Thank you Sharon. She loved her time at Chase's.

Mary Sexton - April 27, 2017 at 08:46 PM

MJ

“ What a great tribute to Belle. She was a wonderful, fun, and caring lady that we loved and will miss so much.

All our thoughts and love to Mary, Richard and Abby.

All of her Texas family

Molly Jones - April 26, 2017 at 09:54 PM

MS

Thank you Molly. She loved y'all so much! She had a great time the last visit too :)

Mary Sexton - April 27, 2017 at 08:43 PM

RW

This is a wonderful tribute to a beautiful, caring and a lovely lady. Clara was a dear friend to my mother Corrheda Patterson.

Rita Patterson Wright

Rita Wright - April 28, 2017 at 09:37 PM