



## Mrs. Bettye Minze Thomas Parish

November 7, 1938 - April 25, 2017

Funeral services for Bettye Minze Thomas Parish, 78, of Gilmer will be held 11a.m. Saturday, April 29, 2017 at McWhorter Funeral Home with Bro. David Jackson officiating. The family will receive friends at 10a.m. prior to the service. Interment will be at Hopewell Cemetery.

Mrs. Parish was born November 7, 1938 to Lenard and Virgia Minze in Emmett, TX and passed away on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 in Gilmer. She retired after 23 years from Union Hill I.S.D. as the Business Manager. She loved Union Hill School so very much.

Bettye is preceded in death by her parents; second husband, Tom Frank Parish; 2 brothers, Palmer Ray Minze and Infant brother Minze.

Those left to cherish her memory are the father of her children, Jimmy W. Thomas; daughter Deb Howell and husband Philip; son Brad Thomas; sister Wanda McFatridge Steed; granddaughter Misty Stracener Sprouse and husband Dennis; great grandchildren Keegan and MaKenna Sprouse; nephews Jeff McFatridge and Tim McFatridge; stepchildren Charlette McCallum, Belinda and Larry Drennan, Jhovette and Doug Hightree, also Cindy and Mark Stewart.

Pallbearers will be Jimmy Thomas, Dr. Eugene Foster, Doug Hightree, Kenneth Downs, R.T. Wallace, and Jr. Waller.

In Lieu of flowers please donate in Bettye's honor to Hearts Way Hospice P.O. Box 5608 Longview, TX 75608 or to the Hopewell Cemetery c/o Fendley Tucker 818 Neches Dr. Tyler, TX 75702

Please visit Bettye's on-line registration book at [www.mcwhorterfh.com](http://www.mcwhorterfh.com) to leave a memory for the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Hopewell Church and Cemetery

8129 FM 49  
Gilmer, TX 75644

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

McWhorter Funeral Home  
1074 St. Hwy 300  
Gilmer, TX 75645  
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## Service

APR **29**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *McWhorter Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Bettye Minze Thomas Parish*



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**McWhorter Funeral Home** - April 27, 2017 at 03:20 PM

JS

“ *I have so many fond memories of Bettye when we were in high school at Frost, i.e. taking turns to spend the night at each others house after ballgames.....sneaking in so as not to wake our parents .....then peeling potatoes and frying french fries before we went to bed (like they didn't know what we were up to). I hesitate to mention the day we played hookey from school, etc.etc. She was such a good friend.....and FUN! Looking so forward to being in Heaven with her and all my other loved ones.....*

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**Jackie Schwob** - May 11, 2017 at 12:55 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mrs. Bettye Minze Thomas Parish.*



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April 28, 2017 at 01:14 PM

JC

“ Justin Lyon, Texas Electric Cooperatives purchased the Roses For Sympathy for the family of Mrs. Bettye Minze Thomas Parish.



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**Justin Lyon, Texas Electric Cooperatives** - April 28, 2017 at 12:53 PM

CE

“ Prayers for everyone. We know how much she will be missed.



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**Cheryl Escalante** - April 27, 2017 at 10:06 PM

CT

“ Charlotte Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bettye Minze Thomas Parish



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**Charlotte Thomas** - April 27, 2017 at 07:24 PM

SP

“ *Deb, So sorry to hear about your mom. Will be thinking of you. A lot of memories will come flooding your way. I hope that soon they will bring smiles instead of tears.*

*Love you,*

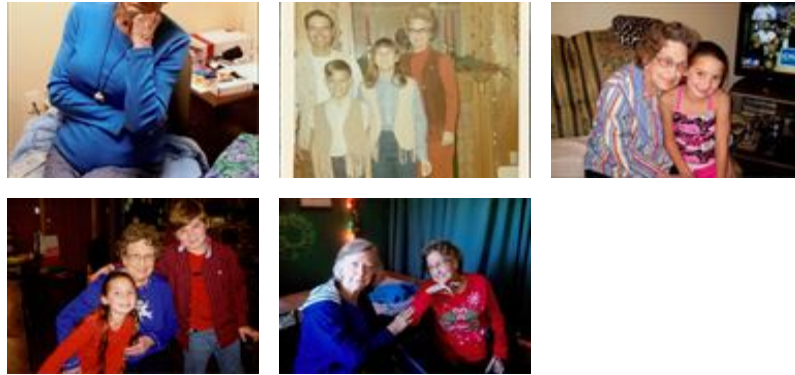
*Sheila Pool*

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**Sheila Pool** - April 27, 2017 at 04:27 PM



“ *117 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**McWhorter Funeral Home** - April 27, 2017 at 03:03 PM



“ *Love's Embrace Roses – White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Bettye Minze Thomas Parish.*



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April 27, 2017 at 10:08 AM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mrs. Bettye Minze Thomas Parish.*



April 26, 2017 at 09:57 PM



“ *Daisey Riddlespurger lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bettye Minze Thomas Parish*



**Daisey Riddlespurger** - April 26, 2017 at 09:48 PM



“ *Aunt Betty was a great aunt. I spent the first 10 years of my life around her. I remember my mom, Aunt Betty, another aunt of mine, my sister, and I would be at my grandmother's getting ready for church on Sunday mornings. Aunt Betty would always tell me how pretty my hair was as she brushed it. I remember her sweet smile and her gentle voice.*

**Bobbi Watson** - April 26, 2017 at 06:35 PM



“ *Dede Pitman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bettye Minze Thomas Parish*



**Dede Pitman** - April 26, 2017 at 05:40 PM

PC

*Lots of memories come to my mind when I think of my long time friend. Bettye and I had so much fun whatever we was doing. She loved to cook special meals and deliver food to those that was not able to do for themselves. Bettye was always so happy to help those in need. Back in the days when she felt energetic you never saw her idle. She was always cleaning inside and out. There will never ever be another person with love in her heart for all her friends and even those that she didn't know very well. Her kids was her heartbeat and when Misty came along she could not have been a happier Granny. She loved having her visit and always thinking of fun things for them to do. Then later on in life Misty gave her two precious Great Grandchildren that she adored. Deb, you and Brad are so blessed to have had her in your life to be your Mother. I loved her Dearly and will miss her phone calls especially on my Birthday. My God hold you all in his arms and keep you strong. Hugs to all of you.*

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**Patsy Coulter** - April 27, 2017 at 04:34 AM