



Dorothy Elaine Holeman

September 14, 1949 - July 24, 2023

Funeral services for Dorothy Elaine Holeman, 73, of Gilmer, will be held at 2:00 pm, Saturday, July 29, 2023, at McWhorter Funeral Home. Interment to follow at Pleasant Hill Cemetery. The family will receive friends 6:00 pm -8:00 pm, Friday, at McWhorter Funeral Home.

Dorothy was born September 14, 1949, in Carthage, Texas, and passed from this life July 24, 2023, in Longview, Texas.

Dorothy worked as a detention officer in Smith County for 9 years and then worked at Upshur County for 3 years until her retirement.

Dorothy loved most everyone and made a difference in a lot of people's lives. She was kind, giving and a "mom" to a lot of people who needed one. She treated everyone like she wanted to be treated and saw potential in folks when most people had given up on them. While working as a detention officer, she made a difference for a lot of paths she crossed. One of her favorite sayings was, "as long as there's breath, there's hope." Before the grandkids, Jeff, Codi and Charlie were her life. Dorothy loved being a mother more than anything and worked as many jobs as she could to provide for her kids. (And as kind as she was, she was as equally terrifying if you mistreated one of them. Codi being her favorite.). Aside from raising her own kids by herself, she also took in kids who didn't belong to her. She was an excellent listener with the best advice, but only if someone asked her for it. When the grandkids started coming along, Jeff, Codi and Charlie took a back seat to them. The light of Dorothy's life was her grandbabies and all that stuff that she whipped

her three kids for was now ok, overlooked and excused. If you ever went by to see Dorothy at her house, you'd usually catch her working in her yard in some fashion or sitting at her bar working a crossword puzzle of some sort. Dorothy left this world not owing anybody anything and that was the thing, aside from her family, that she was most proud of. Not many people could say that they paved their own way....working for, and acquiring, everything that they'd ever needed, or wanted, on their own. She was a woman of integrity and an example of what we should all strive to be.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Jeffery Lynn Holeman; Codi Stanton (Dwayne); and Charles David McWhorter; siblings, Carole Barton, Gene Bunn, Joe Bunn, Jimmy Bunn, Ann Stegall, and Casey Bunn; grandchildren, Ashley Jarman, Sarah Rawls, Steven Holeman-Bailey, Lonnie Holeman, and Kolton and Timmy Sweaney; and great-grandchildren, Eden Jarman, and Lainey Rawls.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her brothers, Mike Bunn and Willis Bunn.

Pallbearers will be Seth Jarman, Steven Holeman-Bailey, Lonnie Holeman, Kyle Bailey, Brice Rawls, and Chase Bunn.

Please visit Dorothy's online registration book at www.mcwhorterfh.com to leave a memory for the family

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Hill Cemetery

4620 Lemon Road
Big Sandy, TX 75755

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **28.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McWhorter Funeral Home
1074 St. Hwy 300
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Tribute Wall



“ *McWhorter Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dorothy Elaine Holeman*



McWhorter Funeral Home - July 30, 2023 at 12:49 PM

DA

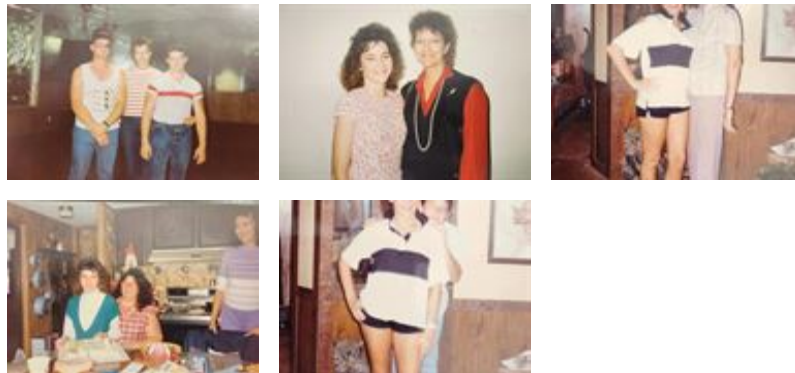
“ *I'm sorry I missed it. I didn't find out until today. Thinking of you and all the family.*

*Sincerely,
David Albright*

David Albright - August 01, 2023 at 10:46 AM



“ *6 files added to the album Life Tributes*



McWhorter Funeral Home - July 30, 2023 at 11:58 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Dorothy Holeman Funeral Service*



McWhorter Funeral Home - July 30, 2023 at 11:32 AM

TK

“ *She was a good woman in all ways; firm and fair, devoted and determined, smart and caring. My condolences to her family, she will be missed.*

Thomas K - July 29, 2023 at 09:24 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



McWhorter Funeral Home - July 28, 2023 at 05:15 PM



“ 316 files added to the album LifeTributes



McWhorter Funeral Home - July 28, 2023 at 03:25 PM



“ I’m so sorry for your loss. I know how difficult it is. Heartfelt condolences to you and your family. I loved your precious Momma so much. She was definitely a precious Lady. May the Lord wrap His loving arms around each of you and comfort you during this time of grief. Love you Codi! I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. 🙏❤️🙏❤️🙏❤️
Darlene Barber



Darlene Barber - July 28, 2023 at 11:25 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy Elaine Holeman.



July 28, 2023 at 02:59 AM

DM

“ Dorothy always had a smile for you. Sweet and kind to all. Prayers of comfort for the family. Debbie Ray Murphy

Debbie Murphy - July 28, 2023 at 12:15 AM

KN

“ To my very close friend, you were the best, you had a heart of gold and we had a lot of fun at work, eating out and grocery shopping. You'll always have a place in my heart. Love you! -Kathy Alexander Norman

kathy norman - July 27, 2023 at 10:12 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dorothy Elaine Holeman.

July 27, 2023 at 10:09 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Dorothy Elaine Holeman.



July 27, 2023 at 10:09 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dorothy Elaine Holeman.

July 27, 2023 at 03:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dorothy Elaine Holeman.*



July 27, 2023 at 03:26 PM



“ *Love, Kelli Williamson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Elaine Holeman.*

Love, Kelli Williamson - July 27, 2023 at 03:05 PM



“ *Love, Kelli Williamson purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dorothy Elaine Holeman.*



Love, Kelli Williamson - July 27, 2023 at 03:05 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dorothy Elaine Holeman.*

July 27, 2023 at 12:50 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dorothy Elaine Holeman.*



July 27, 2023 at 12:50 PM



“ *She was a Great Mother in Law to me for 21 years!! An Amazing Grandmother also ❤️ She was always there for us when we needed her and would do anything for you... She is going to be Greatly Missed but will Always be in our Hearts!!*
Melissa Koontz

Melissa Koontz - July 27, 2023 at 12:40 PM