



## Mrs. Ezwoh Blasingame Holmes

October 24, 1921 - May 22, 2020

Ezwoh Blasingame Holmes, 98, passed away on May 22, 2020, at her home in Gilmer, Texas. She was born on October 24, 1921, in Bettie, Texas, to Burley and Carrie Johnson Blasingame.

She married Grady Holmes, son of Marshall and Loma Holmes, May 25, 1944, in Fort Worth, Texas, while he was home on furlough before shipping out to the Pacific theater in World War II.

She was one of the many “Rosies” who worked in war production factories to support the war effort in Fort Worth, Texas. After the war they returned to Gilmer, built a business, Holmes Concrete Tile, and raised a family. She was a loving wife for 55 years until his death in 1999.

Ezwoh loved life. In spite of being born during the depression, she had only happy memories of her childhood with her loving parents and relatives in Bettie. She loved to tell stories of the good times they had together. Many of them involved her grandfather, Paul Stanley Johnson, whom she loved dearly. She was an ardent gardener who loved sharing her beautiful lilies, mums, and asters with her friends and family. She enjoyed calling them to let them know when they were available. A shopping trip was usually on her agenda and she was always ready for a game of Forty-Two. She delighted in family gatherings. Birthday dinners and Christmas celebrations were always special at her house. Her joy and loving spirit were contagious. She also loved her church. With a servant’s heart, she was a faithful member of Oak Hill Baptist Church

for over 84 years. Her chocolate cakes and coconut pies were favorites at church suppers.

Perhaps her greatest joy came from her children and grandchildren who were guided by her wisdom and values. Always the encourager, she was the family cheerleader and model of unconditional love. Her greatest desire was that they trust and believe in God. Someone once said that life is not about waiting for the storm to pass, but learning to dance in the rain. With her indomitable spirit, Ezwoh danced in the rain.

Ezwoh is survived by daughters Paula Mathis and husband John of Gilmer, Rebecca Ferrell and husband Bill of Tyler, and son David Holmes, and wife, Melissa of Gilmer; grandchildren, Chris Mathis and wife Robin, of Atlanta, Georgia, Carrie Cothrum and husband, Dallas, of Dallas, Texas, Nancy Douthey of Houston, Amy Askew and husband, J.B., of Dallas, Shannon Crawford and husband, Randy, of Cypress, Cynthia Weast and husband, Brian, of Rockwall, and Jeffery Holmes of Edmond, OK; and 11 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and brother, Wendell Blasingame.

Due to the Covid-19 virus threat, a private family graveside service will be held at Oak Hill Cemetery, Gilmer, Texas.

If desired, memorials may be made to Oak Hill Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 1437, Gilmer, TX 75644

# Tribute Wall

GS

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of Mrs. Holmes. What a special lady she was, so gracious and so kind, and so genuine. She was one of my favorite customers when I worked at the bank and I looked forward to visiting with her when she came in. She always made my day happier and positive and made me feel better just by her visit. Remembering this family in prayer....

Glenda Sustaire

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**Glenda Sustaire** - May 27, 2020 at 05:10 PM

SM

“ David, Melissa and family,  
We send our condolences to your family in the loss of your precious mom, grandmother and great grandmother. May God be your comfort at this time and cling to your memories of her.

Your friends,

The Steve McCready family

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**Steve McCready** - May 26, 2020 at 02:25 PM

JH

“ So sorry to hear this news. She was always Mrs. Holmes to me, but when you saw her you always felt her love. She will always be remembered for her warmth, the smile and her strong Christian faith. Prayers for God's comfort and peace for the family.

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**JUDY HARRIS** - May 25, 2020 at 11:27 PM

EC

“ So sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your family.

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**Elaine Calvert** - May 24, 2020 at 11:31 AM

SW

“ *Ezwoh was a person that everyone loved and I was one of them. She was so soft spoken and caring. I always looked up to her and thought she was a special cousin. I will always cherish the hand written family genealogy she gave to me. I know she is rejoicing with her loving family. I am thankful to have shared wonderful memories with Ezwoh and her sweet family. Love and prayers to all.*

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**sandy wilson** - May 23, 2020 at 10:49 PM

RJ

“ *Dearest Holmes family, i am deeply saddened by the passing of such a wonderful lady. The Jackson's and Holmes were close many years and this deeply touches the heart. I'm disposed of at this time and will be unable to attend the funeral, but know that my heart will be there.*

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**Ray Jackson** - May 23, 2020 at 11:38 AM

LB

“ *David , we were so sorry to hear about your Mother. Just know, we are praying for you and Melissa and family. God Bless this family. Surround them with your love and grant them comfort and give them the much needed strength, they will be needing at this time. Sending Sincere, love and hugs. Lorece and June Phillips, Billy, Lori, and Kari and families.*

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**Lorece and June Phillips and Billy** - May 22, 2020 at 09:18 PM

CJ

“ *Our prayers and the prayers of our church family are with the entire Holmes family. You were truly blessed with a virtuous mother. May God comfort you and fill your vacancy with His tender love and mercy.*

*Prayerfully,*

*Charles & Charlotte Johnson*

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**Charles & Charlotte Johnson** - May 22, 2020 at 07:04 PM