



Mrs. Jeannine Austin

January 19, 1937 - March 1, 2017

Funeral services for Jeannine Austin, 80, of Gilmer will be held 10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 4, 2017 at the Gilmer Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints with President Jeff Sant presiding and Bishop Peter John Sullivan conducting. Interment will follow at Enoch Cemetery. The family will receive friends for a time of visitation from 5-7p.m. Friday, March 3, 2017 at McWhorter Funeral Home.

Jeannine Austin was born January 19, 1937 in Gilmer, Texas. She died at her home in the Enoch community outside of Gilmer on Wednesday, March 1st, 2017. She is survived by her husband, Tedd Austin; daughter, Kim Austin; and son, Bart Austin and his wife, Veronica; one granddaughter, Lauren Austin Schwitters and her husband Barry; one great-grandchild, Westen Schwitters, and her brother, George Dodd and his wife, Judy, as well as a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, Hyrum and Laurice Dodd.

A lifelong member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Jeannine was a devoted teacher and worker, primarily in the church's youth organizations. Throughout her adult life, she served more than 40 years as a Sunday School teacher and as a leader in the Young Women's auxiliary including many years as girls' camp director. For 28 years, she faithfully taught a 6:00 a.m. religious education class known as seminary for the LDS

high school age students.

When her children were young, she was actively involved in various community groups and school booster clubs. She was a Blue Bird and then Camp Fire leader and later served on the East Texas Area Council for Camp Fire Girls. She also was a Cub Scout den mother. In recognition of her service to church and community, the Beta Sigma Phi sorority honored her as the First Lady of Gilmer in 1999.

Jeannine was a talented baker, cake decorator and floral arranger. After many years of baking and decorating birthday and wedding cakes for family and friends, she opened her own business catering wedding receptions. Several years later she purchased a local flower shop and operated Jea's Flowers and Design for more than ten years and retired when her health began to decline.

If so desired, please send donations to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Humanitarian Aid

RE: Bishop Peter Sullivan 6201 Nightingale Rd. Gilmer, TX 75645

Please visit Jeannine's on-line register book at www.mcwhorterfh.com to leave a memory for the family.

Cemetery Details

Enoch Cemetery

FM 49
Gilmer, TX 75644

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

McWhorter Funeral Home
1074 St. Hwy 300
Gilmer, TX 75645
(903) 734-7070
info@mcwhorterfh.com
<https://www.mcwhorterfh.com>

Service

MAR 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
Pine St
Gilmer, TX 75644

Tribute Wall



“ *McWhorter Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Jeannine Austin*



McWhorter Funeral Home - March 03, 2017 at 02:05 PM



Virginia Jones

“ *Tedd,
I am so sorry that you have lost your lovely wife. I watched her tribute film and was delighted to see that you had a great and loving life together.
Please accept my deepest condolences.
Your old friend,
Ginger Williams Jones*

Virginia Jones - August 14, 2017 at 04:23 PM

DM

“ *We were saddened to hear about Jeanne's passing and our thoughts and prayers go out to Ted, Kim and Bart during this difficult time. We can all look forward to spending time together with our loved ones who have gone on before us at the great Austin Reunion in Heaven. Sincere condolences, Cathryn Austin, Don and Becky Austin and Donna Austin Marler.*

Donna A Marler - March 04, 2017 at 03:42 PM

LP

“ *Leaann Pickitt-Clark lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jeannine Austin*



Leaann Pickitt-Clark - March 03, 2017 at 11:57 PM

RD

“ *Dear Ted, Kim, Bart and Veronica and Family,*

I want you to know my prayers are with you all in this trying time. It is hard to say goodbye but we look ahead to a joyful hello on some bright day. Praise be to Our Heavenly Father for the love and strength he provides in our times of need, and for our Savior, Jesus Christ and the Gospel plan.

I live in Allen now, in Tony and Diana's garage apartment. I won't be able to attend Jeannine's service, but I will keep a prayer in my heart for all of you. She did so much for my children and me over the years. Move forward in faith.

Love, Ruby Ida Denton

Ruby Denton - March 03, 2017 at 10:18 PM

AM

*Dear Ted, Bart, Kim and family..
Just found out today of Jeannine's passing.
Know you are all in my prayers and sorry I am unable to attend because of short notice. Your family played a very important part in our life. I am acknowledging (Bill's) as well as mine.
Your friendships over many years is still close in heart. Sending love, prayers and memories your way.
I know she has been received with much love and gratitude on the other side of the veil.*

Arlene Malone - March 04, 2017 at 10:06 AM

RD

“ *Ruby Denton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jeannine Austin*



Ruby Denton - March 03, 2017 at 10:08 PM

BD

“ *Ms. Jeanniene was an amazing lady, she influenced so many people. She made you want to be a better person.*

Becky Davis - March 03, 2017 at 03:20 PM

 John
Dodd

“ *Jeannine is about 5 and a half years older than me, so she always seemed quite old to me when I was a child. Since she was my double first cousin, we were almost like brother and sister and my kids grew up thinking Jeannine was their aunt. My favorite Jeannine saying is "Service never is convenient." Think about that. Jeannine was repeatedly inconvenienced during her life. That's my way of saying she performed a great amount of service during her life. Jeannine greatly helped Linda when we had so many small children at home.*

John Dodd - March 03, 2017 at 12:49 PM

CN

Jeannine was the first person we met when we arrived in Gilmer. She was at the apartment we would live in for the next 1 1/2 years. She had put a king size bed in the bedroom and was arranging a flower wreath on the wall in the bedroom. She had milk and other food in the refrigerator and cupboard. She invited us to many Sunday dinners and holiday parties. She was always so gracious. Colleen Nabaum

Colleen Nabaum - March 03, 2017 at 04:34 PM



“ 88 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



McWhorter Funeral Home - March 03, 2017 at 11:50 AM

WR

“ We will pray that God will grant Jeannine eternal rest, peace, and happiness.

Walter & Joyce Raabe

Walter & Joyce Raabe - March 03, 2017 at 11:08 AM



“ *Healing Tears - Yellow and White* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Jeannine Austin.



March 03, 2017 at 10:29 AM

LD

“ Jeannine dedicated herself and gave so much to the youth of her church, with Teds help of course. I have been forever grateful for the etiquette lessons she taught us, the make-up lessons, the life lessons. They have served me well through out my life. I loved all the extra work she put into making things special for us. Her petit fours were beautiful and delicious, and we could depend on them for all our special occasions. She had great patience with us, especially me. She was kind and generous to us, and we knew she truly cared about us. I will always love her and try to follow her example of being a wonderful woman. I would like to send my love and sympathies to her family Ted, Veronica, and Bart.

Lorena Downey

Lorena Downey - March 02, 2017 at 10:30 PM

RJ

Sister Austin. Thank you for being such a wonderful individual. I don't think you missed one youth dance, or a chance to teach. Your an amazing example of charity. Thanks especially for your little cookies with the kiss on top. You always saved me two. My love to the Austin family. Rdell

Rdell Jenkins - March 03, 2017 at 12:08 AM



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March 02, 2017 at 10:00 PM

LA

“ Jeannine was so giving, loving and very funny. I will always treasure the time she took to teach me and then stayed to help me make flower arrangements for Janell and Tomta's wedding. Toni, she and I spent at least three whole days laughing and working. I loved her so much. I loved her..

Linda Arrington - March 02, 2017 at 09:44 PM

TC

“ Such an amazing woman and role model! I remember those early mornings when Jeannine would stop by my house and pick me up for seminary. She also made the best chocolate chip cookies! Loved those mornings also when Ted and her would make breakfast for our seminary class! They were like my second set of parents and I love them so much! ❤️

Tammy A. Cordova - March 02, 2017 at 09:25 PM

TC

“ Tammy A. Cordova sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Jeannine Austin



Tammy A. Cordova - March 02, 2017 at 09:20 PM

JO

“ Jeannine was a dear, choice friend to us. We cherish our memories of staying at Tedd and Jeannine's home when church service required us to stay overnight in Gilmer. She is an elegant lady, a beautiful example of womanhood, devoted to the Lord and to her family. There is no question of the great glory in Heavenly Father's eternal kingdom that will be hers for her good works and faithfulness in following the Savior and His teachings. Tedd, Kim and Bart, our prayers and thoughts are with you. We love the Austins.

Joe and Gay Odom

Joe and Gay Odom - March 02, 2017 at 08:20 PM



“ Jeannine taught me so much throughout my life. I am so thankful that I was able to call her family and friend. She was an awesome example to me.

Laura Tukuafu - March 02, 2017 at 08:16 PM

JH

“ Jeanine was my Sunday School teacher in the mid to late 60s. She was always very well prepared and involved us teens in all of our lessons. She was a caring friend as well as a teacher. I have very fond memories of her.
Janell Denton Hill



Janell Hill - March 02, 2017 at 06:05 PM

SR

“ My heartfelt sympathy goes out to you, it is never easy to lose a love one. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family members during this difficult time.



Sandy Raymond

Sandy Raymond - March 02, 2017 at 02:09 PM

TW

Jeanine was a wonderful and talented lady. She made our wedding cake and did a great job. I remember her taking care of us at girl's camp and setting such a good example for us.

Terry Ward - March 02, 2017 at 09:13 PM



Jeanine was a Christ like Lady who was the example to me of what a Lady should be....a dedicated Mother and wife that loved her Heavenly Father and served him faithfully all her life through Church and Community Service.... We love you and will always remember your Sweet and Kind Spirit.... Janice Ward Davis

Janice Ward Davis - March 03, 2017 at 07:11 AM

JM

Jeannine was an amazing woman who made such a difference in my life as a youth. I'll forever be thankful to her for her love, sacrifice, patience and service to me as my early morning seminary teacher so many years ago. Throughout her life, she made a positive impact in both her community and the church. I witnessed by observing her how one can truly pattern their life after Christ by offering service to others and dedicating their life to the gospel--even when her health was failing her--she pressed on. I'll never forget her remarking in Sunday School class several years ago, "Service to others is never convenient...but that's the beauty of it." What an amazing disciple of Christ she was! Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Jennifer Mask - March 03, 2017 at 01:04 PM

SW

Love and prayers for comfort for all of Jeannine's family. I truly loved Jeannine. She was so easy to talk to and so sharing of her knowledge. She was kind, caring, strong, full of talent. She was a true servant. So many will miss her and I certainly will. What an amazing example she was!

Sandy Wilson.

sandy wilson - March 03, 2017 at 04:45 PM

RC

Jeannine and Ted were our youth leaders when I was a teenager although they were not much older than us. We will never forget the Saturday night dances at the old Enoch church where the cemetery is now. They were always good examples for us teenagers and spent many hours serving us. I will never forget her selfless example.

Ruth Ann Childress - March 03, 2017 at 07:16 PM

CF

Jeannine was a wonderful lady. She will be missed by so many. Love to each of her family. Our prayers are with you at this time.
Charlene Frankum

Charlene Frankum - March 04, 2017 at 03:57 PM

CP

Cherishing a sweet friend and classmate and a shared Faith ! Till We Meet Again ! Choicest Blessings to a special Family -- Austins and Dodds ! D&C 88:40 ! Charity Never Faileth ! Carol Denton Pate

Carol Denton Pate - March 04, 2017 at 07:59 PM