



Eldys Mae Leach Batchelor

December 23, 1917 - October 7, 2018

Eldys Mae (Leach) Batchelor of Sulphur Springs, Texas passed away on October 7, 2018 at the age of 100. She was born on December 23, 1917 to W. C. and Donnie (Miller) Leach in Foard City, Texas. Eldys married Joseph Lynn Batchelor on August 27, 1942 in Allen, Texas. She attended Allen Independent Schools from 1924 until 1937, Baylor University from 1937 until 1940, East Texas State University from 1940 until 1942, Southwestern Baptist Seminary in 1949 and A & I University from 1957 until 1960. Eldys was a special education teacher from 1940 until 1977. She was a member of the Beeville Art Association, Delta Kappa Gamma, the Retired Teachers Association and Baylor Alumni. Eldys served as President of the Art Guild and President of the WMU. She received the 90 year old Special Award and the 100 year old Special Award and placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in many art shows.

Eldys is survived by her daughter, Marilyn Grundler of Elephant Butte, New Mexico; grandchildren, Sherri Ann Barcroft, Terry Don Barcroft, Lisa Renae Barcroft Frazier; great-grandchildren, Daniel Clark, Nathan Clark, Ryan Frazier, Chris Barcroft, Katie Barcroft, Nick Frazier, Lanie Frazier and Alixx Frazier; great-great-granddaughter, Lily Smith; siblings, Winfred C. Leach and Ruth Leach Fisher; and numerous other loving family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William Curtis and Donnie Leach; her husband, Joseph Lynn Batchelor; and her siblings, Joe Henry Leach and Jean Leach Bowen.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home Chapel, 2525 Central Expressway North, Allen, Texas with Rev. Fred W. Lewis officiating. Interment will follow at Ridgeview Memorial Park in Allen. The family will receive friends during a visitation one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials

Her husband, Joe Batchelor was the pastor at First Baptist Church in Rockwall many years ago. She was a fine lady.

BOB MYERS, JULY 23, 2020

It was with great pleasure that I was able to help care for Ms. Batchelor. She will be missed but I know she is up above looking at us with that beautiful smile on her face. She was such a light here at CHM, I will always be grateful for the time I had with her. She will always be in my heart as well as her daughter. Love Kayla

KAYLA EASTMOND, OCTOBER 15, 2018

Sad for your passing. May you rest in peace.

FEANCES EGAN, OCTOBER 9, 2018

Marilyn, I am sad to hear about your mother. You were a great daughter and that is why she lived such a long time. Prayers for you and the family. Love you, Teresa

TERESA JACQUEZ, OCTOBER 8, 2018

The luckiest day of our life was when Skip went next door and borrowed a bucket of water. Skip was in the Navy stationed in Beeville, TX and he was cleaning the house we had rented. We were newlyweds and he needed water to clean the floor. Little did we know that day how important Mr. and Mrs. B would become in our lives. We were soon expecting our first child, Katrina. Everyday after teaching school, Mrs. B. would stop in and play with the baby. Don't know who enjoyed it more. Mrs. B became our adopted Mother, and we loved her very much. She has always been a part of our lives from births, graduations, vacations and weddings. My favorite memory was pushing her in a wheelchair thru the Art Institute in Washington, DC. Another memory was from our trip to S.Dakota, we saw a herd of Buffalo out in the distance. Mrs. B leaned out of the window and yelled "Yoo-hoo, Mr. Buffalo". To this day when we go to the zoo and see the Buffalos we all say "Yoo-hoo, Mr. Buffalo". We will remember her when I make chicken spaghetti or Texas sheet cake, the recipes she gave me. We will remember her when we talk about our early married life. We have moved into a different house and the first thing we did

was hang one of her paintings, so we will remember her when someone asks "who painted that?". We will remember her for the wonderful person she was, and how she loved us unconditionally. We wish that we could be there tomorrow. We will be there in thoughts and prayers. Mrs. B. RIP until we meet again, Skip said he would bring a bucket! Love, Skip & Sharon

SKIP AND SHARON MARUNDE, OCTOBER 8, 2018

Mrs. B., as my family called her, was very dear to us. Growing up I called her my adopted Grandmother. She was my pen-pal in elementary school and went on several vacations with my family. On one vacation, she yelled, "yoohoo, Mr. Buffalo". The buffalo actually turned and looked at her! To this day, everytime my husband, children and I see a buffalo at the zoo we always yell, "youhoo, Mr. Buffalo". I am so blessed that my two young boys have had the pleasure of meeting her several times when we would travel to Texas from Wisconsin. She was a remarkable woman who has experienced so much in her 100 years! She will be missed greatly.

AMANDA WAGNER, OCTOBER 8, 2018

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