



Leona Venelle "Nell" (Burnside) Webster

January 20, 1928 - August 19, 2012

Leona Venelle "Nell" Burnside Webster of Celina, Texas passed gently and quietly surrounded by family to be with her Lord on Sunday morning August 19, 2012 after a courageous battle with cancer. Nell and Chigger married in 1971 and began a beautiful life together. They travelled all over the United States. Chigger's World War II family became their travel friends for many years. They also owned a home in the Valley for about 10 years. Nell was born to Alvan Lee and Beneta Neill Burnside on January 20, 1928. She graduated from Princeton High School at the age of 17. She pursued her dream of becoming a beautician by attending school in Dallas, Texas. She owned Nell's Beauty Shop in Celina, Texas until she retired in 1990. She was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Celina and Celina Fidelis Inter Se Club.

Nell is survived by her loving husband C. O. "Chigger" Webster of almost 41 years; daughter, Greta Kelly of Celina; son, Kent Elliott and his wife, Donna of Prosper; grandchildren, Christal White, Genifer Welch, Marcy Bergman, Marc Elliott and Marty Elliott; great grandchildren, Gena, Georgie, Brady, Addyson, Joseph and Max. Nell and Chigger combined their families on September 23, 1971. Nell was also mother and Granny Nell to Nancy Baxter, Ray Webster, Norris Alexander and the late Kay Alexander, Clifford Baxter and Benny Porter; grandchildren David Alexander, Sonya Fischer, Tonya Spradley, Allan Baxter and Theresa Powell; great grandchildren, Britni, Tucker, Alex, Taylor, Dusty, Jody, Cody and Cooper; great great granddaughter, Ava; sisters, Melba Wolf, Bobbie French; brother, Harlen Burnside.

Nell was preceded in death by her first husband, Henry Elliott; her parents; sister, Evilena Sartain; brothers, Merle and Billy Burnside, Kay Alexander, Clifford Baxter and Benny Porter.

Nell built her Christian life around family and friends in the small town of Celina as the beautician that touched so many lives, a mother that was involved in her children's lives at home and school. When Chigger decided to become the Mayor of Celina, Nell was the quiet supportive mayor's wife.

Nell was known as a gentle kind spoken beautiful proud lady loved by many. She will be missed by Chigger, family and friends but she is in that Happy Home singing and fixing the Angels' hair.

A Funeral Service will be held at First Baptist Church of Celina on Thursday, August 23, 2012 at 10:30 AM. Interment will follow at Ridgeview Memorial Park in Allen. A Visitation will be held at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home in Celina on Wednesday, August 22, 2012 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM..

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the First Baptist Church in Celina's youth fund..

Memorials

Nell was such a kind and generous woman. She made the world a better place. My Prayers for Uncle Chigger and The Family. God Bless

JOHN TUCKER, AUGUST 23, 2012

I have many memories of my Aunt Nell. Most of them are simple things that would have made an impression on any child. Things like her letting me play for hours in her beauty shop, getting to ride in front seat of her Cadillac between her and my grandmother, the little wooden shoes painted with pink flowers that she gave me from her trip to Holland and the very cool "Genie" style pajamas she brought me when I was in the hospital when I was 8 years old. Aunt Nell was the third child of seven and my Mother was the oldest of the group. My Mom used to tell me stories of when they were small and she said Nell had long flowing wavy hair and she loved for it to be brushed and braided, which my Mom did for her. She also said that Nell loved to help care for the younger children and was very kind and patient with them. I remember her as soft spoken, tidy and kind and she had a cute, nervous giggle that was infectious. Aunt Nell was also the perfect definition of a "lady" at all times. She had a desire to serve the Lord and she made that a priority in her life. She loved and appreciated her family. Nell will be missed by all who knew and loved her, but she is now sitting at the feet of Christ, free of pain and sorrow. To Chigger, Kent, Greta, Donna and all of her family, I hope that you will keep the precious memory of Nell alive by sharing all your stories of her life with the younger generations of your families so that her legacy of love and faith will always live in your hearts. May God bless you all.

TERESA RICKERSON SCHAEFER, AUGUST 22, 2012

So sorry to hear of the passing of one of the sweetest, finest ladies I have ever known. Nell always had a smile and a kind word for anyone she saw. She was a true Southern Lady.

ANN NORRIS, AUGUST 21, 2012

I will always remember riding my bike in front of their house and stopping to visit with Nell and Chigger. Spent alot of time in their driveway with my roller skates on too. We will be praying for the family, friends and all those that she touched through her life.

DIANA MAYO, AUGUST 21, 2012

Chigger (or Chig as Nell would say), Greta, Kenny and family: My deepest sympathy to you all. Nell was such a gentle, quite and soft spoken LADY! Nell was always so sweet and always had something positive to say. The love of her life were God and her family and she didn't mind sharing that. Thank you for sharing Nell with us all. Sincerely,

KEMP WILLARD, AUGUST 20, 2012

What a precious soul. Nell was such a quiet and dignified lady. Prayers lifted for all the family.

DENICE BURNSIDE WEBB, AUGUST 20, 2012

Thinking of Nell's family at this time. Hope you find comfort in remembering Nell's gentle nature which made her a kind, caring friend to so many.

KAROL GRUMBLES OMLOR, AUGUST 20, 2012

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