

Johnnie Eleanor Angle Helton

(August 3, 1938 - January 12, 2010)

Johnnie Eleanor Angle Helton, beloved wife, devoted mother and faithful friend of all who knew her entered her eternal rest on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 with her family by her side. Visitation will be held at the Gorsulowsky Funeral Home in Vivian, Louisiana on Thursday, January, 14th from 5:00-8:00 P.M. Her life celebration service will be held on Friday, January 15th at 1:00 P.M. in her home church of 59 years, the First Baptist Church of Oil City, Louisiana, followed by graveside service in the Lakeview II Memorial Cemetery in Oil City.

Johnnie was born in Kilgore, Texas on August 3, 1938. She moved to Carmi, Illinois shortly thereafter and lived there until 1951, when her family, following her father's work in the oil industry, relocated to Oil City, Louisiana. It was here she made her home and lived out the rest of her life surrounded by family and friends. She attended Oil City Jr. High where she made many wonderful lifelong friends, including her best girlfriends, Glenda Roberts Guth, Syble Matthews Greer and Priscilla Pope. She graduated in 1956 from North Caddo High School. Through the years, she worked part-time as a census taker, voting poll attendant and later was hand selected by a young up and coming entrepreneur, Sam Walton, to become a Manager of Jewelry in his up and coming retail store, Wal-Mart.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Johnnie Hodges Angle and Flossie Eleanor Bivens Angle and her younger brother, Charles E. "Charlie" Angle. She is survived by her husband, the love of her life of 55 years, James Willette "Bill" Helton of Oil City, La., daughters, Denia Teeters (husband George) of Stonewall, La.; Jonna Kelly (husband Keith) of Monroe, La.; Ruth Hanken (husband Scott) of Springfield, Il; sons James Michael Helton of Oil City, La. and Barron Helton of Shreveport, La. And her older brother, who she also loved and admired, Walter Craig (wife, Gayle). She leaves behind six well loved grandchildren: Shelli, Dallas, Matthew, Hannah, Will and Anne Marie, and two wonderfully spoiled great-grandchildren, Alex and Lauren, along with numerous nieces, nephews and family members she lovingly "adopted." She will always be remembered for having an open door, a kind heart, sweet tea, hot coffee, warm smiles and hugs for everyone she met. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

Pall bearers will be friends: Bob Guth, Roy Phelps, Richie Alexander, nephew Andy Craig and grandsons Dallas Wilson, Matt Bentley and great-grandson Alex Weinsheimer. Honorary pall bearers are grandson, Will Hanken, nephew Tommy Angle and family friend, Donald Cook.

Special thanks to nurse Connie Schmidt and RT, Lela Gray at WK-NCMH in Vivian for their loving care, the staff at WK-North ICU for their kindness to our family, and the doctors and staff at the WK Cancer Center for their caring treatment in the weeks preceding her death. A special thanks to Kim Rivers Ralph of WK Cancer Center for the warm smiles and big hugs Johnnie received every morning she walked into the treatment center.