



Thelma Mae Brackhan

June 6, 1922 - January 24, 2013

Thelma Mae (Battles) Brackhan was born on June 6, 1922 in San Augustine County, Texas, to Marvin and Jesse Della (Dillard) Battles. She was the second of six children. She passed away on January 24, 2013 at Saunders County Medical Center in Wahoo, Nebraska, at the age of 90 years, 7 months and 18 days.

Raised in the Southern Baptist faith, Thelma was baptized during revival services at White Rock Baptist Church in Center, Texas on August 11, 1936 at the age of 14. She graduated from Camp Worth High School and attended Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas. In her early 20's she worked at a box factory in Beaumont, Texas and for a shipping company in Orange, Texas. On Nov. 24, 1945, she was united in marriage at First Baptist Church in Jasper, TX to Marvin Brackhan of rural Waco, NE. They began their married life farming near Waco, later moving to Utica and eventually to Cordova. She was confirmed into the Lutheran faith at St. John's Lutheran Church at South Waco on Dec. 19, 1947.

During their marriage, she was a homemaker, raising their 5 children while helping out with the family farm and automotive garage. After Marvin's death in 1979, she worked at the local meat locker and later her daughter's photography studio from which she retired at the age of 80.

She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Cordova. Over the years, she taught Sunday School and was a member of the LWML where she enjoyed making quilt tops. She was a long-time member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Thelma loved being outdoors and enjoyed raising vegetables and flowers. The joy of her life was her family, which included 13 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her children: Roger (Deanna) Brackhan, of Fremont; Doug (Betty) Brackhan, and Byron Brackhan, all of Columbus; and Brenda (Don) Kranz, of Cordova; 13 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren; one brother, Frank Battles of Tyler Texas; 5 sisters-in-law and 1 brother-in-law.

She was preceded in death by her husband Marvin Brackhan; son Gary; parents, Marvin and Della Battles; sister, Inis; and three brothers, D.L., J.L., and Clayton. Thelma was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

Funeral services are 2 p.m., Monday, January 28, 2013 at the St. John's Lutheran Church

in Cordova, NE. Visitation Sunday, from 1 p.m. until 8 p.m. with family greeting friends from 2:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. at the Farmer Funeral Home in Exeter. Memorials are in care of the family.

Tribute Wall

JH

“ Byron, Doug, Betty and families, So sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Cherish all the good times and memories and know there is rejoicing in heaven. Jim and Nancy

Jim & Nancy Hegi-Cuba - January 29, 2013 at 12:07 AM

SD

“ Sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Shari Daehling - January 28, 2013 at 05:58 PM

JA

“ Thelma Mae Brackhan

Jackie Agena - January 28, 2013 at 12:13 PM

CS

“ Doug and Betty and the rest of the Brackhan Family
So Sorry to here about your loss. We will be thinking of you at this time of sorrow
Chris and Mary Simonsen
Ida Simonsen

Chris Simonsen - January 27, 2013 at 05:45 PM

VW

“ Roger, Doug, Brenda, Byron and families. I just read about your mother's death. I remember her as the sweetest lady with the Texas drawl. Though I haven't seen any of you in many years, I still have wonderful memories of times we all spent together. I hope you are finding comfort in wonderful memories today. Thinking of you all at this sad time. Your cousin, Vicky

Vicky Wiemer - January 27, 2013 at 04:37 PM

JB

“ I was so surprised when I learned that Aunt Thelma had gone on to glory with our Lord and her family that had gone on before her. My prayers and thoughts are with you all during this time of sadness. You know she is in a better place and not suffering any more. Wish we could be there with you during this time. My love is with you all. Your cousin Jan

Jan Lake & Georgia Battles - January 26, 2013 at 03:25 PM