



Elsie B. Howard

February 13, 1940 - December 15, 2013

Elsie B. Howard, 73, went home to be with her Lord, Sunday, December 15, 2013 at The Waters of New Castle following a lengthy illness.

She was born February 13, 1940 in New Castle, a daughter of the late William Bays and Columbia (Hodges) Kirby.

Elsie attended Lewisville High School and was an active member of Cornerstone Church. Elsie was passionate about her children and grandchildren and enjoyed spending time with them. Elsie was known for her delicious cooking, making quilts, embroidering and had a very compassionate heart which was evident in her own "Greeting Card" ministry in which she sent countless cards of encouragement.

She is survived by her children, William Dobbs of Houston, Texas, Shelby "Bo" Howard of New Castle, Teresa (husband: Steven) Perdew of Falmouth and Dawn Cherise Theobald of New Castle; a step-son, Tony (wife: Elizabeth) Howard of Indianapolis; her grandchildren, Janet Binford, Michael Agee, Carolyn Isaacs, Cecily York, and Justin Howard; her step-grandchildren, Mistima Perdew, Victoria Crump, Sabrina Perdew and Jonathon Howard; 14 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Edward (wife: Susan) Kirby of Linton and Robert Kirby (companion: Debbie) of New Castle; three sisters, Frances (husband: Ernest) Key of Albany, Kentucky, Wanda Bertram of New Castle and Loretta Faye (husband: Ron) Daffron of Lexington, North Carolina; several nieces and nephews; a very special caregiver, Kathy Chesher. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Shelly

Howard; two grandchildren, Joseph Isaacs and Robin Isaacs; a brother, William Kirby; a sister, Mavis Kirby; two brothers-in-law, Fred Sears and Gene Bertram; a nephew, Corey Kirby and the father of her children, Shelby Walker Howard.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 19, 2013 at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Pastor Phillip Miles officiating. Burial will follow in South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition.

Friends may call from 3:00 to 7:00 pm, Wednesday at the Sproles Family Funeral Home.

You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

Sproles Family Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Elsie Howard.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Sorry for your loss! Our sympathies.*

Debbie Longworth - December 20, 2013 at 11:21 PM

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“ *Please accept my condolences on the loss of your dear loved one. Take comfort in knowing that our heavenly Creator understands your pain. He will soon remove all pain, sorrow, and death forever! Rev 21:3,4 May this promise be of comfort to you as you gain the strength and inner peace to cope with the days ahead, remembering that God will be by your side. Philippians 4:13*

D. Johnson - December 17, 2013 at 11:13 PM