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Ora Lee Taylor Bridges

Ora Lee Taylor Bridges, born October 6, 1911 on a farm between Elkhart and Grapeland, Texas to Barton and Florence Taylor, died in a tragic car accident in Palestine, Texas on May 2, 2003 in the East Texas piney woods where she lived for most of her 91 years.

She married her childhood sweetheart, Clifford Earl Bridges on October 19, 1929, keeping her promise to wait until she was at least eighteen before they wed. He preceded her in death on November 24, 1993.

Ora Lee loved life's simple pleasures of family and home. She prepared wonderful meals, made beautiful quilts, and enjoyed her pets. Just for fun, she liked to entertain herself and her grandchildren by playing the harmonica. Most of all, she loved her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and constantly prayed for her loved ones.

She is survived by her daughter, Patricia Bridges Carmichael, and her husband Delmore Carmichael of Grapeland, Texas. She is also survived by her son, Clifford Thurston Bridges and his wife, Shirley Allen

Bridges, of Dallas, Texas.

Her surviving grandchildren and great grandchildren are Lane and Melanie Carmichael and Katelyn, Brittany and Taylor; Scott and Renee Carmichael and Ambria; Karen Bridges Zukoski and Bill Zukoski and Amy; Dan and Kathy Bridges and Gage; and Julie Bridges Jones and Jordan and Jenna.

Visitation was at the Bailey and Foster Funeral Home in Palestine, Texas from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6. Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 7, at First Methodist Church, Elkhart, Texas, officiated by Reverend Howard Huhn and Dr. Jack Schultz. Pallbearers were Dan Bridges, Lane Carmichael, Scott Carmichael, Jerry Keen, Brad Taylor and Joe Eldon Ray. Honorary pallbearers were Dwayne Dominy, David Lee Bridges, Harold Yancy, Don Wood, and Bill Zukoski.

Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Psalm 23:6