

Dorothy Hughes Parker

May 12, 1918 - February 26, 2010

God called our Mother home Friday, February 26, 2010, at the age of 91.

We, her children, are truly blessed to have such wonderful memories growing up and having the security of her love.

Such memories of coming home from school with the mouthwatering aroma of freshly baked goodies drifting through the door.

She would take our cold hands into her warm ones, comforting us, loving us, always putting our needs before her own.

We remember the hymns she would sing as she worked around the house.

Home was where Mother was.

Dorothy Ann Gowen Hughes Parker was born in St. Louis, Missouri.

On May 12, 1918 to James A. Gowen and Minnie Jane Foster Gowen.

She is one of nine children:

Clifford, Raymond, Jimmy, Virginia, Livesay and Mary Eaves.

Three children died in infancy.

As a teenager she moved with her family to Gray Ridge, Missouri.

There she met and married Jesse Ray Hughes Sr. in August, 1938.

Together they had five children, Delores Hughes Frame Krings (Duane) of Cathedral City, California, Jesse Ray Hughes Jr. (deceased), Shirley Hughes Corlies (Charlie), Larry Hughes and Gary Hughes (RoseAnn) all of Dexter.

She has 16 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

When Ray sadly passed away she was left with 4 children to raise alone.

A few years later she married Joe Parker and loved his two daughters, Georgia McElyea and Ilene Moore (Bob).

A few years after Joe passed away she moved to Central Gardens where she was lovingly cared for by a wonderful staff.

She will be best remembered at Central Gardens for her sense of humor and



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her "Dorothyisms" , ("I'm Dorothy Parker and I park right here").

She was a full time homemaker, loving and supportive wife and the most caring and kind mother.

After moving from Bloomfield to Dexter she became a member of First General Baptist Church, then in later years she moved her membership to Second General Baptist Church in order to attend with her daughter and family.

Mother was a good Christian woman and we know God needed her back.

Thank you God for giving us such a kind, loving, and generous Mother.

We are richly blessed.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter from 1:30 until 2:30 P.M., Sunday, February 28, 2010.

Funeral services will then be conducted on Sunday at 2:30 P.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter with Rev. Joshua Carpenter and Rev. Kenneth Biggs officiating.

Interment will follow in the Bloomfield Cemetery.