



Ouida Glorian Jeffers Harmon Merritt

August 7, 1931 - January 24, 2011

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Rayne - Funeral services will be held at Gossen Funeral Home Chapel, Thursday, January 27, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. for Ouida Glorian Jeffers Harmon Merritt, 79, who died Monday, January 24, 2011 in American Legion Hospital in Crowley, LA.

Interment will be in the Elizabeth Memorial Baptist Cemetery, Branch, LA.

Surviving are two sisters, Hazal Courts of Vidor, TX, Carlis Jeffers Cummings and husband Timothy of Colorado Springs, CO, three brothers, Lloyd Jeffers and wife Faye of Rayne, Boyd Jeffers and wife Dee of Baton Rouge, Frank Jeffers and wife Irma of Branch, two step sons, Lane Merritt and wife Faye of Many, LA, Nathan Merritt, TX, numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by first husband, Arnold "CoCo" Harmon, one son, Montgomery Polk Harmon, second husband, James "Bill" Merritt, parents, Percy and Gladys Hayes Jeffers.

She was born Friday, August 7, 1931 in Branch, LA, daughter of the late Percy Polk Jeffers and the late Gladys Hayes Jeffers.

Mrs. Ouida was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Rayne.

Friends will be received at Gossen Funeral Home, Inc., Rayne, LA. Wednesday, January 26, 2011 from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and Thursday, January 27, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. until service.

Friends may view the obituary and guestbook online at www.gossenfuneralhome.net.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Gossen Funeral Home, Inc. of Rayne, LA, (337) 334-3141.

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Tribute Wall

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“ To a dear friend that goes back many years. Ouida's graduation class at Rayne High was 1948 and mine in 1950. Such a small school that we all knew each other, but Ouida was always ready for a real good smile and good conversation. I manage to see her and her class mate every time they had a reunion cause I was always invited. Therefore, my wife Elbie and I have seen her quite often through the years. Lloyd and Hazel who I also remember, but all the family have our condolences. Such a nice person we have lost.

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“ Ouida was a precious lady we got to know through her marriage to Bill Merritt. Lane , her step son, is our brother in law and through him we got to know her. Was sorrowful to hear of her home going. Was a pleasure to know her. Gary and Myra Bass

Gary and Myra Bass - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

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“ My deepest heartfelt condolences to Ouida's family. Regretably I'm not able to be there to celebrate Ouida's going home. I pray God gives everyone strength and comfort now and in the days ahead.

Nathan Merritt - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

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“ This earth lost a wonderful person with the passing of Aunt Ouida. She was a kind and gentle person and always had something good to say. I will miss her smile and her laughter, and the way she always made you feel comfortable when you were around her.
May God comfort all who knew and loved Ouida and mourn her passing.

Ray Herbst - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

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“ Such a blessing having known Ouida - a lady that carried herself with such grace and poise. You will be missed by many. I am so thankful you were a part of our lives and so loving to all of us.

I will always cherish the memory of Ouida inviting my boys to the Bible School class every year. She was more than just an Aunt to us - she was a friend.

Many prayers, may God comfort all of you.

Jim & Brenda Shanley

Toledo Bend

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