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CLARENDON MEMORIAL SERVICES- 2:00 pm on Saturday, March 14, 2009 in the First Baptist Church in Memphis with Elder Jeff Riles, Pastor of the True Church of God in Christ in Clarendon, officiating. INTERMENT - Private burial was held in Fairview Cemetery in Memphis. Arrangements are by Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon. Jewel was born on December 26, 1960 in Memphis to Pink Wesley & Odessa Cooper Austin. She grew up in Memphis and graduated from Memphis High School. She received her Bachelors degree in Library Science from Texas Womens University, and later achieved her Masters degree in Library Science from the University of North Texas. While in college, she was a big part of the Big Brother/Big Sister organization. She married Billy Houston on March 23, 2002 in Clarendon. She was a member of the True Church of God in Christ in Clarendon where she served as secretary, board member, & head of the youth ministry. She was the Sunday school field rep for the Borger District COGIC. She was also the Texas NW COGIC Editor of Newsletter. She was the library director for Clarendon College for many years; then later at Frank Phillips College in Borger, & then again at Clarendon College until her death. She was also was very involved in the Adopt a Student Ministry at Clarendon College.

PRECEDED IN DEATH BY - her parents; and a sister, Margie Montgomery.

SURVIVORS - her husband, Bill of Clarendon; a stepson, Bill Houston, Jr. of Dallas; a niece/adopted daughter, Aleisha Dickson of Amarillo; 3 brothers, Kenneth Wayne Austin of Amarillo, Travis Austin of Denton, & Willie Earl McDonald of Dallas; 5 sisters, Cleola Johnson & Robbie Jackson, both of Memphis, Zetta Riles & Etta Austin, both of Amarillo, & Vernell Scott of Dallas; 4 grandchildren, Vanessa Houston, Jazmine, Zamiyah, & LaKenzee Dickson; and many nieces, nephews, family, & friends. MEMORIALS - The family request memorials be to the True Church of God



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in Christ Youth Ministry / PO Box 1433 / Clarendon, Texas 79226. THE FAMILY
WILL BE AT: 201 West 4th / Clarendon, Texas 79226 / Phone #: (806)874-0961



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P7

Patsy Ryan Of 205 W. Overton #413 Dallas. Tx 75224 posted:

May God bless and keep you in your time of grief and may He comfort you and your family always. Sorry I'm not there, but you are certainly in my prayers. God bless and keep you. Your Friend always
Patsy Ryan

March 17 at 7:00 PM

AA

A. Kay Nance Of Ahwatukee, Az posted:

Jewel Austin Houston was born as an angel, sent to help and heal others as an angel, and now has gone back home to heaven to fulfill her job as an outstanding angel. Jewel and I have always called each other sisters. Closer than some friends. She held my daughter Nicole when she was only a few days old, and argued with me that the baby was hers and not mine. Nicole grew up knowing Jewel as a godmother, in the library and at home. I last spoke with Jewel after Christmas and talked about how nice and sweet her husband, Billy, had always been to her. I told her that even though I had never met him. I knew that he had to be an unusually nice man for her to marry him. Thank you, Billy, for being beside Jewel throughout all of her illness and bad days. May Jewel always have comfort and joy watching over all who know her. And may we all never forget the angel that walked among us.

April 22 at 7:00 PM

JT

Jocelyn Thompson(Parker) Of Amarillo, Texas posted:

I offer my sympathy and prayers to the family. I met Jewel when I went to the University of NT. I was a transfer student and didn't know many people in Denton and she became a good friend/mother to me. We lost touch over the years but I will never forget her. She was such a sweet person and she kept me in line alot. I would always go over to her place to talk and she said I made her laugh. She was a true Christian.

March 13 at 7:00 PM

JP

Joe Weaver Of Texas Panhandle posted:

I was thinking of Jewel just a few days ago, and was stunned when I read the notice in Friday's paper. She was a very special person. I always think of her as a dear friend, even though I had not communicated with her in a couple of years. (I was the Library Director in Dumas for several years and sold books for a while after that.) Jewel was one of those people that always made me feel better. Her passing saddens me greatly, though I know her body is now healed. My sympathies to the family, friends and colleagues she leaves behind.

March 13 at 7:00 PM



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DA

Deborah Horton Of Amarillo, Tx posted:

Our prayers and thoughts are we you and your family during your time of grief. May God be with you!The Horton family

March 12 at 7:00 PM

MR

Marina Moore Reynolds posted:

Your family are in my prayers. Marina Moore Reynolds

March 12 at 7:00 PM

KM

Karla Nance Burrow Of Midland Tx posted:

ZETTA-IT HAS BEEN SUCH A LONG TIME SINCE I HAVE SEEN YOU AND JEWEL BUT I WANTED TO SEND MY SYMPATHY TO YOUR FAMILY. MY FAMILY ALWAYS ENJOYED JEWEL SO MUCH AND SHE WILL BE MISSED. THINKING OF YOU-KARLA

March 11 at 7:00 PM

ST

Sheila Courtney Of Austin ,Texas posted:

This sad me deeply, Jewel was a very dear friend to me, Jewel inspired me to read my bible everyday even when i was having a good. She always gave the most beautiful smile an kind an warm words. I will miss you my friend,an never forget Jewel Houston- Austin. S.Gail Courtney

March 11 at 7:00 PM

LA

Long,Courtney,Williams Of Plano,Waco,Austin posted:

You will be miissed ANGLE . You WERE sure an Angle to our family , Jewel was like a sister to our family, Jewel was all about helping people. Thats why her name was Jewel. Waco will miss you .I see you later.

March 11 at 7:00 PM

LP

Lisa Long Of Plano Tx posted:

You will be missed.

March 11 at 7:00 PM



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DD

Debra Griffin Mitchell Of Dyersburg, Tn posted:

I knew Jewel when she was the librarian at FPC in Borger. She always smiled, always encouraged, and never complained. I appreciated her energy and her kindness. I am saddened by her passing and wish I could attend the service. My condolences to the family. May the God of all comfort hold you in his arms. Debbie Mitchell

March 11 at 7:00 PM

BA

Brandie Via Of Amarillo, Tx posted:

I met Jewel when I attended Clarendon College and I thought she was the most amazing person I had ever met. I am truly sorry for your loss. She is looking down on us and keeping us safe.

March 10 at 7:00 PM

LT

La'tasha Dorsey Of Lancaster, Tx posted:

Aunt Jewel, thanks for EVERYTHING! You were a blessing to our family, I will never forget the things you did for me. Living with you my Senior year in Borger was the best! Thanks for being that 2nd mom, we will miss you.

March 10 at 7:00 PM

NM

Nell Jones Of Clovis New Mexico posted:

I knew Jewel as an encourager, a supporter, as a precious lady. She was a good friend to my brother, Chuck, (now also deceased), and to me and my whole family. She gave Chuck and me opportunities to share our writing and our work with the students of Clarendon College. She truly was named well and she lived up to her name. I shall miss her terribly.

March 10 at 7:00 PM

LT

Lisa Ferris Middleton Of Denton, Texas posted:

I was so sad to open up my Denton paper this morning and learn about Jewel. It was always fun when I would run into her at the library here in Denton and we would catch up on "Memphis stuff". She was a wonderful person and I am blessed to have known her. Heaven gained an angel last week and she will be greatly missed here. My sincere condolences to her family.

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TT

Toni Bryant Of Kerrville, Texas posted:

Jewel was one of the classiest, kindest, most genuine people I have ever had to fortune to meet. She blessed my life with every encounter. I know that Jewel is home and there was a huge celebration in heaven when she arrived. My condolences to those who will miss her greatly. Toni, Cheyenne and Creed Bryant

March 9 at 7:00 PM

AT

Aunt Rozella & Joyce McAfee And Family Of Denton, Texas And San Antonio, Texas posted:

Look unto the Hills from whence cometh your help, your Help comes from the Lord which made heaven and earth. We are lifting you all up in Prayer and remember that God will never leave you nor forsake you. We Love You All!!! Let the Joy of the Lord continue to BE Your Strength!!!!

March 8 at 7:00 PM

SA

Stephanie Wilburn Of Appling, Ga posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss, Jewel was a very special person and she will definitely be missed

March 8 at 7:00 PM

CT

Charlotte And Mike Paul Of Denver, Co/ Clarendon, Tx posted:

Sorry for your lose. I know she will be missed greatly. She gone to be with her Lord.

March 8 at 7:00 PM

MD

Marilyn Williams Of Denton, Tx posted:

I worked with Jewel for several years here at the Denton Public Library. She was always such a bright, bubbly, upbeat person, so much fun to be around. She was the kind of person that you met her once and you were her friend. She was well loved by those of us who worked with her here. She will be very missed!!

March 8 at 7:00 PM

E7

Eva And Raymond Mosier Of Clarendon Tx 79226 posted:

our hearts go out to you and your family

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SS

Steve Tryling Of United States posted:

I am so so sorry to hear of Jewels passing. She was a wonderful person with a smiling personality. She was my supervisor at the Denton Public Library but more importantly, she was a friend. I hold her family and friends in my deepest and warmest thoughts and prayers.

March 7 at 7:00 PM

TT

Tookie Thornberry posted:

Jewel was a lovely, sweet, person that will be missed by our whole community.

March 7 at 7:00 PM

MD

Martha Edmundson Of Denton, Tx posted:

I am so saddened by Jewel's untimely passing. I have such fond memories of her humor and love of life and libraries. I will sorely miss knowing that she is "up the road" from all of us in Denton.

March 7 at 7:00 PM

LT

Lynn And Gina Mckinney Of Clarendon, Texas posted:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the family...Jewel was a very precious lady...she will be greatly missed..

March 7 at 7:00 PM

BT

Brenda Mcconnell Of Clarendon,Texas posted:

Sorry,to hear about Jewel.She was a sweet person. My thoughts and prayers are with you.God bless you.

March 5 at 7:00 PM

CC

Carol Hinton Of Clarendon posted:

What a beautiful lady and such a loss...my heart cries for you and your family...that smile and sweet heart was contagious...God's strength sustain you through this difficult time. Love, Carol

March 5 at 7:00 PM



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AC

Amanda Smith Of Clarendon Tx posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Jewel was an incredible woman and she will be dearly missed!

March 5 at 7:00 PM

LC

Laura Paul Of Clarendon posted:

Jewel will be greatly missed. She was an inspiration to many. Her legacy will live on in all the hearts she touched. Indeed she has made it to a peaceful place in heaven. She is with our Lord. You all will be in my prayers.

March 4 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jewel by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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