



Odessa Bernice Stice

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Services will be 2:00 pm Tuesday, July 5, 2016 in the First United Methodist Church in Shamrock with Rev. Lloyd Stice and Norman Rushing, officiating.

Burial will follow in Dozier Cemetery in Dozier.

Arrangements are by Robertson Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Odessa Bernice (Francies) Stice passed from this life on June 29, 2016 in Lubbock, Texas. She was born on August 21, 1923 in Wynnewood, Oklahoma to Homer and Ida Belle Francies. She was the fifth of twelve children.

In Bernice's childhood years her family moved back and forth between Oklahoma and Texas until her mother finally said, "I am going to live in one place or the other. I am not going to keep moving these twelve kids back and forth." That is when they settled in the Abra Community west of Dozier, Texas.

In the 40's Bernice met a young man who had moved into the community with his father Jesse Stice and in January of 1944 she married Noah Madden Stice. Noah serviced in World War II and when he was discharged from the service he and Bernice started farming for Pat Bradley down on the river place, the Salt Fork of Red River, along with her father-in-law, Jesse Stice who lived with them until his death in 1970. All five children were born while living on the river place. Bernice was involved in the total farm life with her gardens, hoeing and pulling cotton, milking cows, raising chickens, canning fruit and vegetables and keeping a house running while raising five children. Bernice lived in that community until 1967 when she and Noah bought the Brown store in Samnorwood, Texas.

Bernice and her family was active in the Glen Davis Memorial Methodist Church of Dozier. Even after her family were married and gone and the Methodist Conference had officially closed the Church she and her sister, Zola was responsible for the church continuing for many years.

Bernice was also very active in her community. She was PTA President, drove a school bus and traveled many miles watching the Samnorwood Eagles play basketball, loving and supporting the Eagles even after her children had finished playing for the Eagles.



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Bernice ran the store which served as a gas station, country convenient store, and cafe. The cafe was a place where the Samnorwood school kids came to eat lunch if they didn't like what was being served in the cafeteria. Even if the kids didn't eat with her at lunch many of them still came to the store to buy candy and soft drinks resembling a swarm of bees around a hive at lunch time according to Bernice. The local farmers and ranchers and other community members would come to Bernice's to eat her hamburgers and other sandwiches she fixed around noon. In the later years Bernice became the postmistress of the Samnorwood Post Office which was a CPO for the Shamrock Post Office. To keep her busy when there was no one in the store or when "the bull shooters," as she called them were not there she had a quilting frame set up in the store and would sit and quilt for hours. She quilted for friends and family members who had tops but didn't know how to quilt them. She did her best to make sure all her children and grandchildren had a quilt she had quilted for them.

Bernice ran the store until 2004, when she moved to Holliday, Texas to live with her son, Joe. She missed living in Samnorwood until her memory failed her and she was just happy to be where she was. When Joe retired and moved to Arkansas the family moved her to Lubbock where Lloyd who had retired was living. She lived in the Garrison Care Center in Lubbock, Texas until her passing.

Bernice was preceded in death by her parents, 10 brothers and sisters, her husband of 50 years Noah Madden Stice, and a daughter Odessa Marie Glazner.

Bernice is survived by four children, a son Lloyd Stice and wife Shirley of Wolfforth, a daughter Eunice Dickson and husband Johnny of Hedley, a son Joe Stice of Wickes, Ar., and a daughter Ida Beth "IB" Rushing and husband Norman of Pampa.

She is survived by seven grandchildren, Will Stice and wife Mandy of Lewisville, TX; Justin Stice and wife Jamie of Lubbock, TX; Donna Ashley of Amarillo, TX; Leah Tippin and husband Larry of Willow Park, TX; Tamara Burrell and husband Jeremy of Gastonia, NC; Mary Thomas and partner Vickie Brown of Holliday, TX; David Saxour and wife Jessica of Wickes, AR; Bob Hicks of Oklahoma City, OK; Julie Wirt and husband Jared of Canyon, TX; and Billy Rushing of Canyon, 22 great grandchildren and 19 great great grandchildren.

One brother Joe B. Francies and wife Marvine of Possom Kingdom, TX, numerous nieces and nephews and many friends all around the country.



Events

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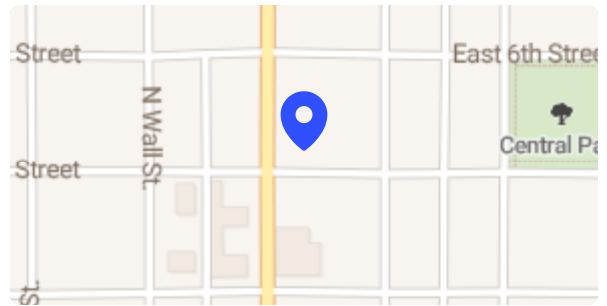
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Service

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

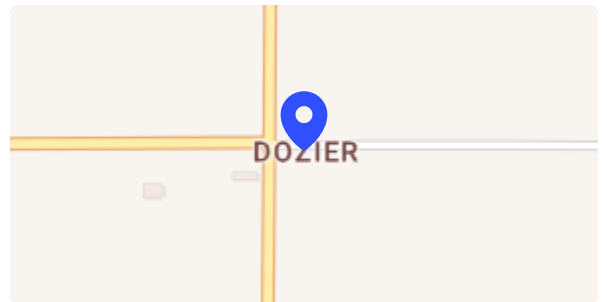
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First Methodist Church - Shamrock
500 North Main Street, Shamrock TX 79079



Cemetery Details

Dozier Cemetery
County Road I & County Road 100, Dozier TX
79077





Tribute Wall

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VT

Vivian Travis posted:

Aunt Bernice was a wonderful spirit that had a deep love for the Lord, her family and her friends I recall on a visit to Texas being at the Stice Grocery watching and listening to the Stice "kids"; my mom Fayrene, Aunt Lenora, Uncle Noah and of course Aunt Bernice, sitting together in one of the booths reminiscing about growing up on the Texas plains. Throughout the day many people would walk into the store to be greeted by Aunt Bernice and her big smile and usually with a cup of coffee. I don't think there were many strangers in her life. We stayed the night there and were awakened at the crack of dawn by Aunt Bernice marching into the room with cups of piping hot coffee delivered to our bedside with a "good morning, time to get up". She had fun reminding us that she was our only aunt that served us coffee in bed, she left out at the crack of dawn! It still brings a smile to my face. That is what Aunt Bernice did made us smile and it is with a smile I remember her. God bless. Vivian and Jess Travis

July 7 at 9:43 AM

MW

Mary Ann Witt posted:

I'll never forget this sweet lady and the little store she ran in Samnorwood. She was always so nice and my little boys always wanted to stop at her store when we were down visiting my parents. Prayers for her family and friends. Mary Ann Bockmon Witt

July 3 at 5:32 PM

JW

Jan Christner Woodard posted:

What a fun and sweet lady. Made the best hamburgers ever at Stice's Grocery.

July 3 at 3:53 PM

FS

Feliciano Segura posted:

This beautiful lady made the best burgers. I served with her son and my friend in the us army. She was one of Samnorwood's finest.

July 3 at 3:33 PM

CW

Cheyenne Oldham Wuthrich posted:

Lots of memories going to the store during lunch at school to get a candy bar and a coke! Bernice will always be a part of Samnorwood history!

July 3 at 11:32 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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