



## Leota Hortense Mann

August 30, 1924 - February 1, 2016

Leota Hortense (McDaniel) Mann, affectionately known as "Tense" and "Ma Mann" by her friends and family, went to be with the Lord on February 1, 2016 at her home in Weatherford, Texas.

Leota was born August 30, 1924 in San Saba, Texas to Lela Roberta and William Isaac McDaniel. She was the fifth of six siblings and a fourth generation Texan. She was a "country girl" who, in her early years, loved to pick fruit, pick up pecans, gather eggs and work in the garden. She walked a mile to catch the school bus and often rode on the back of a horse for transportation. She was crowned Football Sweetheart her junior year and was a cheerleader her junior and senior years.

She graduated from Richland Springs High School in 1943 where she excelled in softball, volleyball and tennis. On a Saturday night in the summer of 1943, her high school beau proposed to her at Wallace Creek. She accepted and shortly thereafter, she and Raymond Edgar Mann married on January 31, 1944. She often remarked how incredibly happy she was to be Mrs. Raymond Mann. Only a few days after their honeymoon, Raymond joined the Army and fought in WW II in France. During that time, Leota, remained in San Saba.

Upon Raymond's return from the War, they initially took up residence in San Antonio, then they relocated to Ft Worth where she worked for a number of years at Montgomery Ward. After years of hard work, they established their long term residence on the 243 acre ranch they bought just outside Gibtown,

Texas.

She was a devoted wife, mother, sister, aunt, grandmother and great-grandmother. She loved the ranch, she loved to garden where she grew the best tomatoes in the world, she loved to cook and she loved to be with her family.

She was a Christian and a long-time member of Gibtown Baptist Church. She was always unselfish in her eagerness to help others, she loved her dog, Radar, she was quick to find table scraps to feed the stray cats and she enjoyed watching Wheel of Fortune. For years, she volunteered at the Clothes Closet, a community sponsored charity organization in Jacksboro Texas. She is survived by her son Rodney Mann, daughter Rhonda and husband Mike Lasley, daughter-in-law Paula Mann, along with nine grandchildren, Crystal Hauk, Jamie Adams, Mindi Polny, Joe Mann, Chad Mann, Brad Mann, Jason Mann, Toby Lasley and Justin Lasley and nineteen great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Raymond, her son Randy, her son Rudy and her sisters Loree, Eizabeth and Lummie and her brothers Woodrow and Joe Bob.

When asked what she most wanted to be remembered for she said, "being a loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother, neighbor and friend, for being a sharing and giving person. I've enjoyed sharing and giving things I grew in the garden and things that I cooked".

Her hopes and dreams for her family are: always do your best in whatever you attempt to do and stay close to God. Pray a lot".

# Tribute Wall

VH

“ I just found out today about your Mom. So sorry Rodney and Rhonda. I loved your Mom as well as all of you growing up together on Lebow St in Fort Worth until you all moved out to the country. Hortense was one special lady. She came to my zmom's funeral 5 years ago and Dads funeral last year. I hope and pray that you Rodney and Rhonda will know hiw much the Watsons lked you all. Msy God bles you and your families.

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**Verna Watson Humphries** - March 26, 2016 at 10:56 PM

PJ

“ My husband and I would like to express our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of your beloved Leota. Although we never had the opportunity to meet Leota, personally, we wanted to share with you comfort from Gods word found in John 5:28,29. Jesus showed us a wonderful example of the resurrection when he resurrected Lazarus here on earth, back to the arms of those he loved. (John 11) Remember also that our Heavenly Father expresses his loving compassion for all of us when someone we love dies. ( Psalm 34:18) Be sure to share your memories with those who surround you, for the memories shared are the ones most truly cherished, may they bring you a sense of peace and joy to your hearts as you begin to heal. Take care of yourselves and each other during this very difficult time.

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**PJ** - February 16, 2016 at 04:41 PM

CF

“ So deeply sorry for your loss Rhonda and Mike. She is in the arms of the Lord like so many of our close family members. May The Lord bless us with Peace unto us all.

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**Cyndi Francis** - February 03, 2016 at 04:04 PM

MP

“ *My unforgettable friend and angel, Ma Mann, forever in my heart...until we meet again in heaven.*

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**Marielle Potter** - February 02, 2016 at 12:28 PM