



## Dorla D. Johnston

August 28, 1934 - September 13, 2019

A graveside service for Dorla D. Johnston, Grand Mom, age 85, of Rusk is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., September 16th at Oakland Cemetery with Bro. Don Copeland and Bro. David Haines officiating.

Mrs. Johnston passed away September 13th in Tyler, TX. She was born August 28, 1934 in Rusk to the late Oliver Odell and Rachel F. Dickson Smith. Mrs. Johnston was a lifelong resident of Rusk and a member of Oakland Missionary Baptist Church. She enjoyed working at Matthews-Miller Department Store and was a familiar face there for 20 plus years. She loved her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her daughter, Jana Kaye Birdwell of Hudson, CO, son and daughter-in-law, Kenny and Rhonda Birdwell of Rusk, grandchildren, Leslie Birdwell and wife Brittany, Elissa Robbins and husband David, Kaylee Birdwell, Kennon Birdwell and Dillon Birdwell, three great granddaughters, Emily, Addilee and Emery all of Rusk, sister, Nelda Ellis of Jacksonville, TX, one nephew, Darren Ellis of Frisco, TX.

Pallbearers will include Kennon Birdwell, Dillon Birdwell, David Robbins, Dale Wallace, David Thedford and Ricky Don Copeland. Honorary pallbearers are Leslie Birdwell, Darren Ellis and Steve Shingle.

There will be no visitation. The family is grateful for the love and care she received from Ginger and Jessica while at The Arbors in Rusk. In lieu of flowers contributions to Hospice of East Texas would be appreciated.



# Tribute Wall



“ *Dorla D. Johnston*

October 04, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *My condolences for the entire family.*

**Alysia Johnson** - September 16, 2019 at 11:49 AM



“ *Condolences to all the family. Remover Dorla from Matters Miller, oh so many years ago. Always had a smile on her face. Know you will miss her dearly. Candace Harris Reneau*

**Candace Reneau** - September 15, 2019 at 10:41 AM



*My heartfelt sympathies for Nelda and other family members of my friend Dorla. May you find solace in your thoughts of the happy memories you made with her.*

**Lawanda Jones Hinton** - September 15, 2019 at 07:44 PM