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Helen Charlyne Tucker was born February 20, 1921 in Cushing, Oklahoma to Mary Belle Berry Tucker. In her family of 8 children, she was the youngest. Her mother was sick with cancer and died when she was about eleven years old, so, she was raised by her older brothers and sisters. Charlyne was a graduate of Cushing High School and was a member of the Yell/ Spirit Team. After graduation from high school and while living with a sister in Cushing, she met a young man named Jess Willard Speaker. He was older and she knew him because he and his brothers had been considered hero's in Cushing High School. He asked one of her girlfriends to introduce them, he walked her home and three weeks later on August 3, 1938 they were married in Chandler, OK. She was 17 and he was 21. They resided in Cushing and on December 15, 1939 their first child, a daughter, Karen Ann Speaker, was born. On November 25, 1942 while living in Fort Worth, Texas a son, Jess Willard "Sandy" Speaker II, was born. WWII was raging, so they moved back to Cushing where J.W. "Sandy" Speaker, Sr. joined the Marines and went to war in the Pacific with the 1st Marine Division. Charlyne stayed behind and took care of raising, feeding and caring for their two young children. She learned she was a very strong woman. When Sandy Sr returned from the war in 1946, they moved to Shawnee, OK and a year later a third child, Paula Jo Speaker was born, on February 25, 1947. The Speaker family lived in many places but in 1956 moved to Irving, Texas and purchased a house, where Karen, Sandy and Paula all graduated from Irving High School. The family became members of the First Baptist Church of Irving. In later years both Charlyne and Sandy, Sr were members of Bro. Henry Kincaide's adult class. Charlyne worked for Dr. Thomas P. Murphy, Pediatrician and retired after 20 years. J.W. Sandy died on Nov. 7, 1998 in Irving, Texas and is buried in Restland Memorial Cemetery. Charlyne will be buried next to Sandy and they will be together again. Charlyne is survived by her children, Karen Ann James and her husband John Wm James I, J.W. Sandy



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Speaker, II and his wife, Nancy Speaker and Paula Jo Anderson and her husband, Bob Anderson; grandchildren, James B. Wynn, John William James II, Terri Lynn James, Susan Lee James Noval, Jess Willard Speaker, III, Taren Elizibeth Speaker Hill, Erin Anderson; great-grandchildren, John William James III, Brittany Bailey, Blaise Richard, Juan Andres' Noval, Jessica Speaker, Jess Willard Speaker IV, Ethan Anderson and Evan Anderson; great-great grandchildren, Braedon Richard, Abbie Phillips and Stonie Bailey; nieces, Suzanne Coyne and JoJeanne London; nephews, Dave Coyne, Jim Atha, Jim Speaker and Bobby Speaker. The family will receive friends Monday, March 27, 2017 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, at Restland Funeral Home. The funeral service for Charlyne Speaker will be held at 12:30 PM, Tuesday, March 28, 2017 in The Wildwood Chapel at Restland and graveside at about 1:30 PM. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Restland Funeral Home and Memorial Park, 13005 Greenville Avenue, at Restland Road, Dallas, TX 75243.



Tribute Wall

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ES

Emily Speaker posted:

You will be missed by all of us. May you rest in peace.

August 24 at 2:29 PM

ES

Emily Speaker posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Helen Charlyne Speaker

August 24 at 12:37 PM

WL

Willa Love posted:

Where do I start when it comes to sharing memories about my second/other Mother? I suppose I start at the beginning which is about 72 or 73 years ago when Karen and I were 4 or 5 years old. Charlyne is more than a "family friend," — she is family. She and my Mother (Eva) loved each other like sisters and now, once again, they are together laughing and so happy to see each other. The Speaker family has always been an important part of our life, even though distance may have kept us from seeing each other as much as we would have liked. Karen and I spent every summer — ALL SUMMER — together when they lived at Shawnee. Charlyne treated me like one of her kids and even though she never scolded or spanked me, she probably should have several times. I thought she was so beautiful when I was a little kid and now, as "an old lady," I still think she is beautiful both inside and out. What a wonderful memory I have of spending a few hours with her just a short time before she died. I will always remember her lying there either laughing or at least smiling as Karen, Paula and I reminiscenced about years past. Rest in Peace, lovely Lady — you will be missed and always remembered by those of us who loved you.

August 24 at 11:09 AM

RD

Restland Of Dallas posted:

Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Helen Charlyne Speaker.

August 24 at 10:46 AM

TR

Tom And Shannon Robbins posted:

Tom and Shannon Robbins purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Helen Charlyne Speaker.

August 24 at 9:15 AM



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Bill And Mary Jennings posted:

Bill and Mary Jennings purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Helen Charlyne Speaker.

August 24 at 7:01 AM



Reid And Patty Rossmann posted:

Reid and Patty Rossmann purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Helen Charlyne Speaker.

March 20 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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