



Theodosia "Theo" Elizabeth Clark

January 15, 1924 - April 7, 2011

Mrs. Theodosia Theo Elizabeth Clark, age 87, a longtime resident of Bolivar, Missouri passed away on Thursday morning, April 7, 2011 at 1:45am at Parkview Healthcare Facility after an extended illness with Alzheimers.

Theo and her husband, Dr. B.E. Ed Clark came to Bolivar in 1966 when the Southwest Baptist College (SWBC) was expanding from a two year junior college to a four year baccalaureate program.

Theo was born January 15, 1924, the youngest of four children to Joseph Hardy and Theodosia (Johnson) Jones in DeQuincy, Louisiana. She graduated from DeQuincy High School and Louisiana Baptist College in Pineville, LA. with a degree in Education.

Theo pursued graduate study at the School of Social Work at Louisiana State University and received The Certificate of Social Welfare. Theo was then employed with the Louisiana Department for The Blind when she met Ed at LSU. Ed and Theo were married on March 24, 1951 at DeQuincy and began their married life in Houston, Texas. Ed was called to active duty in the Army in 1951, and while on active duty, the Clarks lived in New York City and Yokohama, Japan. Upon Eds discharge, they returned to DeQuincy, LA where Ed was in business and Theo taught in the local school system. Their sons Randy and Wayne were born while they lived in DeQuincy.

After they came to Bolivar, Ed taught Accounting in the Business Department and Theo served three years as Dean of Women at Southwest Baptist College. Theo then became a classroom teacher in the Bolivar R-1 School District where she taught Junior High English and Social Studies until her retirement in 1986. Theo was a member of the First Baptist Church where she worked with college students and young married couples. She was a member of the Fox Mission Group and past president of the Womens Missionary Union. After retirement Theo enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, playing tennis with friends and the time the Clarks were able to spend at their home on Table Rock Lake. She also volunteered at Polk County Christian Social Ministries.

Theo was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, J.H. Jones of Baton Rouge, LA. and Horace L. Jones of DeQuincy, LA and one sister, Anise Mims of Arkadelphia, AR.

Theo is survived by her husband of 60 years, Ed Clark of the home, two children, Randy Clark and Dr. Tom Maddox of San Diego, CA. and Wayne Clark and wife Lee Ann of Bolivar, Missouri, and two grandchildren, Lacy, a graduate student in Seattle, WA., and Michael, a freshman Piano Major at Ithaca College in Ithaca, New York.

Theo will always be remembered as a positive, happy and smiling person who seldom met a stranger. She gave much and is sorely missed by family, friends and acquaintances.

Funeral services will be held at 3:30pm, Monday, April 11, 2011 at the First Baptist Church in Bolivar, Missouri with Reverend Billy Russell and Dr. Ray Leininger officiating. Musical selections will be It Is Well With My Soul, Just A Closer Walk With Thee and a congregational song, Victory In Jesus. A video

presentation will be played during the funeral service. Burial will follow at Greenwood Cemetery in Bolivar, Missouri. A visitation will be held from 3:00-4:00pm, Sunday afternoon at the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar.

Memorial contributions may be made in Theos Memory, to the First Baptist Church for Missions or the Gideons International.

Friends and family may sign the guest book or send private condolences at www.butlerfuneralhome.com

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Tribute Wall



“ *Theodosia "Theo" Elizabeth Clark*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Theodosia "Theo" Elizabeth Clark*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Ed,*

We are sorry to hear of Theo's death, but we know she is in a better place. Theo was one of my favorites when I worked with her on committees in her role as Dean of Women. She had a wonderful sense of humor and was truly a "Southern Belle". Please let us know if there is anything we can do.

George and Elaine Williams - April 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Living all of my life up north in Washington state, I didn't get to spend much time with Aunt Theo. Her and Uncle Ed came up to visit now and then however. My wife Vicki and I were able to come down and visit in the late 80's and had a wonderful time with both of them and my grandparents. Aunt Theo always had a great sense of humor and laughter was always in evidence at their house.*

It is a great comfort to know that she is now clear of mind and spending time with our Lord and Saviour. We will not be able to attend the service, but my parents (Ed's brother Van) will be there. Our prayers are with Ed, Wayne, Randy, and the extended family.

Tom Clark - April 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Ed and all the family. Some of the happiest "times" of our lives were the years we lived in Bolivar and I had the privilege of working with Dr. Clark, as well as with Theo while she served as Dean of Women at SBU. They were always gracious hosts for Business Department functions.

Milton and Joan May - April 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ We recall the sweetness that Theo always displayed when we met her about six years ago at Parkview. Ed, we think fondly of both of you singing together, "You are my sunshine." Theo even had a little twinkle in her eyes.:) She truly appreciated and enjoyed music. We would love to give you and your family hugs today. We're sorry to be so far away. God bless you all. We will be lifting you up in our prayers this week especially.

Mrs. Evie Jones - April 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ Theo always exemplified true Christian love for all, enriching the lives of many. As a tennis partner, she was delightful! Our memories of her will be treasured.

Our sympathy and prayers go out to the family, but the assurance she's in a much better place lighten the sorrow.

Hugh and Twila Smith - April 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HD

“ *Wherever Theo went joy and laughter followed.*

I loved the family reunions when she would share glorious stories of childhood and teen age years with my grandmother, Anise Jones Mims. I had no idea my grandmother was a bit daring underneath that Southern Lady charm.

Theo was beautiful, kind, loving, and a friend to all who knew her.

My heart is glad she is now in her eternal home just waiting for us to join her as she recognizes us one by one.

Heather Dorsey - April 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ *There is much to be said about the Jones' Family Reunions but Aunt Becky was the first I wanted to see. She had a smile and a laugh rivaled by none. Just to be around her was sheer joy. Her stories were unending and her antics... hilarious. She brought life to any room. Hers is not a sad story but one full of blessings, including wonderful children and grand children and a tirelessly devoted husband. But above all, you knew her Lord came first and her precious beloved Ed was a close second. Heaven is certainly a happier place today.*

Tonya Treme Thibodeaux - April 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ *Theodosia "Theo" Elizabeth Clark*

bill arthur - April 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM