

In Memory Of Hazel Mills

August 15, 1927 – February 26, 2018



Hazel Grace (Bunn) Mills, 90, of Waco, passed away Monday, February 26, 2018. Funeral services will be held Friday, March 2 at 10 am at OakCrest Funeral Home with burial to follow at Rosemound Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday, March 1 from 6 to 8 pm at the funeral home.

Hazel was born August 15, 1927 in Waco to Simon Milford Bunn, Sr. and Ethel Alexander Bunn. She was a graduate of Waco High School, Class of '44, graduated with a B.S. degree from Baylor University in 1947 and a Master of Arts from Baylor in 1948. Hazel enjoyed teaching and made that her career path, teaching English at Waco High School for 30 years. She also enjoyed sewing, gardening, knitting, backpacking, genealogy, square dancing, and researching the history of Waco High.

Hazel married William Lee Mills, in Waco, on May 22, 1948 and they were together 57 years until his passing in 2005.

Hazel was very active in her community. She was a member of Columbus Avenue Baptist Church for more than 60 years where she also taught Sunday School and the "International Neighbors" class for over 25 years. She was active in the "Friends of Waco High School" where she spent years conducting extensive research on the History of Waco High School, and working to prevent destruction of the old school building. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Strecker Museum Associates, a Charter Member of the Epsilon Mu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, a member of Historic Waco Foundation and Keep Waco Beautiful. Hazel was also a Charter Member of the Huaco Outing Club, Huaco Bowmen's Association, and a member of several Square Dance and Round Dance clubs.

Hazel was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and sister, Wanda Moseley.

She is survived by her daughter, Judith Mills Butler of Kountze; brother, Dr. Simon Milford Bunn, Jr. and wife, Martha of Waco; sister, Shirley Cunningham and husband, Bob; brother-in-law, Bob Moseley of Carrollton; grandchildren, Christian Butler and wife, Amanda of Waco, Stewart Butler and wife, Paige of Kountze, Baylor Butler and wife, Hannah of Silsbee, and Laurel Butler of Beaumont; six great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The family would like to extend special thanks to the physicians and nursing staff of The Brazos of Waco and also to Hazel's friends at Stillwell Retirement Residence.

In lieu of flowers please donate to Columbus Avenue Baptist Church - Neighbors International or your favorite charity.