



## Bessie Sitzes

July 6, 1938 - January 16, 2024

Bessie Faye Sitzes, lifetime resident of Terrell, passed away peacefully on the morning of Jan. 16, 2024. Bessie was born July 6, 1938 in Terrell to Buford Reese and Ruth Catherine Hunt, both of whom preceded her in death along with her beloved husband, Cliff Sitzes, her son, Ronald Sitzes and her siblings: Kenneth Hunt, Oleta Boon and Lela Clemmons, each of whom gladly welcomed Bessie into Heaven.

Born and raised in Terrell, Bessie had a front row seat to how much this town has grown and changed. This growth brought a young man to Terrell in 1954 named Cliff Sitzes and after meeting him it was love at first sight. He and Bessie were inseparable and were married on Feb. 18, 1955. While starting their family, she and Cliff worked hard to make a life and home filled with love, honor and respect for each other and the many people who shared their lives. Bessie worked at Texas Aluminum (now Oldcastle Building Envelope) for over 30 years as well as working alongside Cliff as he built his own plumbing business in Terrell. They were both active and longtime members of Terrell First Assembly of God Church where Bessie's sweet smile and being the "social butterfly" she was, made every visitor and member feel like they were truly welcome. She loved "everyone" and told them so, even if they were strangers treating her nice and especially if they were family or new found friends. Bessie never really met a stranger because every person she met became an instant friend whether it was at church, work or in the community.

Her faithfulness to her family was exceeded only by her faithfulness to her Lord and her servant's heart was the hallmark of her personality. She enjoyed studying the Word during Bible Studies and loved the fellowship of her Christian family where she made so many friends, each of whom enriched her life. Bessie's best memories revolved around her family and friends and time spent with them were her favorite times of all.

She adored visiting with friends and family in person or over the phone and she always looked forward when she could accompany Cliff as he went fishing. It was well known that she was the one who pretty much always caught "the bigger fish"! A beautiful, gracious and sweet lady, she will be forever remembered by the ones who loved her.

Bessie is survived by her loving daughter, Linda Sitzes Southam and husband, Mark, of Rockwall; daughter-in-law, Pam Sitzes of Terrell; grandchildren: Shelli Sitzes Chandler and husband, Carl, Rodney Sitzes and wife, Erica, John Vishnesky and wife, Jessie, Thomas Southam and wife, Melissa, and Alex Southam and wife, Lauren; great grandchildren: Logan Holmes, Landry Sitzes, Avery Chandler, Amelia Southam, Beckett Southam, Walter Southam, Arthur Southam, and Evelyn Southam; brother, Ronnie Reese Hunt and wife, Karen, of Wills Point as well as nieces, nephews, extended family and friends, all of whom loved her and will greatly miss her.

Funeral service will be at 2:00pm, Monday, Jan. 22, 2024 at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel with interment to follow at College Mound Cemetery. Her family will receive friends from 2:00pm to 4:00pm, Sunday, Jan. 21, at the funeral home. For those wishing, memorials may be made to: American Cancer Society at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

# Cemetery Details

## College Mound Cemetery

15151 FM 429 South  
Terrell, TX 75161

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **21**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel  
642 N. Rockwall Ave.  
Terrell, TX 75160

## Funeral Service

JAN **22**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel  
642 N. Rockwall Ave.  
Terrell, TX 75160

# Tribute Wall



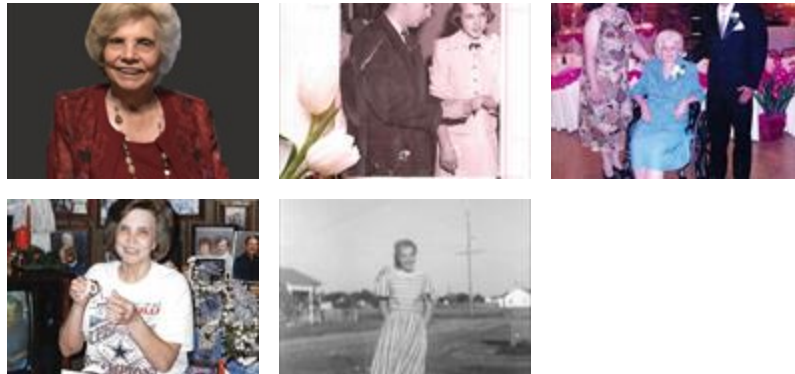
“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Bessie Sitzes*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - January 22, 2024 at 03:13 PM



“ *136 files added to the album Memories Album*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - January 22, 2024 at 03:11 PM

RB

“ *Ralph Burris purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Bessie Sitzes.*



Ralph Burris - January 21, 2024 at 04:47 PM

KS

“ Dear Linda, Pam, Ronnie & all of Bessie’s family,

*Sending thoughts and prayers to all of you on the loss of your sweet Mother, Mother in law, Sister, Grandmother, Aunt & family member. My parents, grandmother & I thought so much of Cliff Bessie, & Mrs Ruth. She was a precious lady with a beautiful smile & a heart of gold!*

*With deepest sympathy,  
Karo & Wilson Stewart*



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**Karo Stewart** - January 21, 2024 at 10:18 AM

MP

“ Mr & Mrs Joe Parnell lit a candle in memory of Bessie Sitzes



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**Mr & Mrs Joe Parnell** - January 20, 2024 at 10:50 PM

JL

“ Joni Lavin lit a candle in memory of Bessie Sitzes



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**Joni Lavin** - January 20, 2024 at 06:10 AM

SC

“ I remember Bessie visiting my grandmother, Gracie Rush, when I was very young. She always hugged me. She will always have a special place in my heart and memories. I was proud to be related to her. Prayers for the family.



Sharon Rush Collins - January 19, 2024 at 04:35 PM

JB

“ Judy Beesley lit a candle in memory of Bessie Sitzes



Judy Beesley - January 19, 2024 at 03:01 PM

DT

“ Donna Tapp lit a candle in memory of Bessie Sitzes



donna tapp - January 19, 2024 at 02:34 PM

TC

“ Tony and Suzan Chandler purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Bessie Sitzes.



Tony and Suzan Chandler - January 19, 2024 at 11:20 AM

MS

“ Mireya Story lit a candle in memory of Bessie Sitzes



Mireya Story - January 18, 2024 at 04:18 PM

MS

Heaven has another angel now. You are all in our prayers.

Mireya Story - January 18, 2024 at 04:23 PM

MS

“ Mireya S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bessie Sitzes.

Mireya S. - January 18, 2024 at 04:11 PM

AL

“ My family and I had the honor of being neighbors with Bessie for 22 years she was always so sweet and kind to us she was always the sweetest most amazing person I have ever met we love you Bessie (granny) you meant the whole world to me and Alfred we are going to miss you so much we love you granny



Alice - January 17, 2024 at 11:32 PM

LS

Thank you Alice for the sweet and kind words.

Linda Southam - January 18, 2024 at 09:55 PM

AL

*Your welcome Linda we love you*

**Alice** - January 20, 2024 at 07:33 PM

DL

“ *Dieann Langley lit a candle in memory of Bessie Sitzes*



**Dieann Langley** - January 17, 2024 at 08:01 PM

LH

“ *Love always, Denise Holley purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Bessie Sitzes.*



**Love always, Denise Holley** - January 17, 2024 at 04:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bessie Sitzes.*



January 17, 2024 at 03:59 PM

VS

“ *Verdell and Diana Sitzes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bessie Sitzes.*

**Verdell and Diana Sitzes** - January 17, 2024 at 03:43 PM

VS

“ *Verdell and Diana Sitzes purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bessie Sitzes.*



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**Verdell and Diana Sitzes** - January 17, 2024 at 03:43 PM

KT

“ *When I first came to TFA Bessie was such a blessing to me. She always greeted me hugged me and made me feel welcome.*

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**Karen Tomlinson** - January 17, 2024 at 02:38 PM

JY

“ *All of you are in my thoughts and prayers.* 🙏



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**Julie Young** - January 17, 2024 at 01:10 PM

RS

“ *Richard & Tricia Selman lit a candle in memory of Bessie Sitzes*



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**Richard & Tricia Selman** - January 17, 2024 at 11:30 AM

CH

“ *Such a sweet lady. My heart goes out to all of you.* ❤️



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**Cindy & Rick Hunter** - January 17, 2024 at 11:07 AM

LW

“ *LuAnn Willis lit a candle in memory of Bessie Sitzes*



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**LuAnn Willis** - January 17, 2024 at 09:49 AM

LS

*Thank you LuAnn*

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**Linda Southam** - January 18, 2024 at 10:01 PM

SB

“ *Sharon Boyd lit a candle in memory of Bessie Sitzes*



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**Sharon Boyd** - January 17, 2024 at 09:34 AM

LS

*Thank you Sharon.*

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**Linda Southam** - January 18, 2024 at 10:02 PM

SB

“ So sorry to hear about Bessie. My prayers are with you sweet Ronnie and family. May the good God up above give each of you peace and. Comfort at this time 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Sharon Boyd - January 17, 2024 at 09:34 AM

PF

“ Ms Sitzes was a special lady. She had a sweet smile and was there to help everyone. She loved her family and will be missed by many. Rest in peace sweet lady. Paula Frideley

PAULA FRIDELEY - January 17, 2024 at 09:05 AM

LS

Thank you Paula for the sweet message.

Linda Southam - January 18, 2024 at 10:03 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bessie Sitzes.



January 17, 2024 at 08:55 AM