



Flo Burks

January 12, 1923 - October 23, 2020

Virginia Florelle "Flo" Burks, lifelong Royse City resident, passed away peacefully into the presence of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on the morning of October 23, 2020 at her home with family at her side.

Flo was born January 12, 1923 in Royse City and welcomed into Heaven by her parents, James Michael "Mike" and Virginia Sue "Dink" Terrell Cookston, her husband William Ray "Boogar" Burks, Sr., son, James Richard "Ricky" Burks, grandson, Michael Scott Burks, brother, Terrell Marion "Sonny" Cookston and his wife Athalee and sister Helen Cookston. Flo lived her entire life as a resident of Royse City having been born at the Cookston Hotel and Café on Main St., which her parents owned. She lived at the Cookston Hotel with her family and graduated from Royse City High School in May of 1940. Later that same year, Flo married the love of her life, dance partner, and her best friend, William Ray Burks on Christmas Day. She then for the first time lived in a house with her new husband. A few years later, they built a home on Josephine St. and lived the remainder of almost 98 years of her life. Together she and "Boogar" had 43 wonderful years until his passing in 1983. Flo stayed active in her hometown all of her life, especially with her church, First United Methodist. She was a born in member, where she was the longest and oldest member of the First United Methodist Church of Royse City. She was active in many ministries including the United Methodist Women's Group and their missionary visions. In 2008, the FUMC Prayer Room was named in her honor in recognition for the tireless devotion Flo had for sharing the Gospel and serving so faithfully every chance she could. She enjoyed fellowship and was an active player with the Women's Canasta group along with many of her friends. Her creativity and ingenuity in making something out of nothing was well known by her family, friends and the community and it was often said that if you gave Flo a table knife, a pair of scissors and drinking glass, she could build a shopping mall! She loved to read and take trips to Choctaw where her smile was a welcome sight to other visitors as they enjoyed the gaming, dining and one-of-a-kind memories. Flo's heritage in Royse City was formally recognized in 2019 when she was selected overwhelmingly by the civic leaders to be the Grand Marshal of the Royse City Christmas Parade at the age of 97 bringing full circle the rich history, tradition and exciting future of Flo's (not so little) hometown!

Of all her accomplishments, though, Flo was the proudest of her family. Being their Mama, Memaw and great grandmother brought her the greatest joy seeing her and Booger's legacy of love, commitment and devotion play out every day in the family they created..."all because two people fell in love". While her family has sadness with a world without Flo, they each take comfort in her daily walk with Him and the testimony that she lived by, "God has been so good to me!" Her smile, her laughter, her independent spirit and generous heart will be missed by all who knew her but her love will live on in each life that she touched.

Flo leaves to carry on her heritage of unconditional love to her sons: Jerry Burks and wife Linda of Union Valley, William Ray Burks, Jr. and wife Beverly of Rockwall, Carol Burks and wife Elaine of Royse City; her daughter Suzy Hass and husband Jeff of Terrell; grandchildren: Chris and Vanessa, Treva and Arlis, Rusty and Natoma, Brandee and Kenneth, Richie and Ashley, J.C. and Jenn, Dana and Eric, Shanda, Jennifer and Matt, and Clayton and Alex; great grandchildren: Jessica, Lauren, Michael, Bailey, Marla, Braden, Ashley, Austin, Landen, Alexis, Brody, Brock, Hogan, Palmer, Makayla, Colby, Tanner, Maddie, Macie, Garrett, Addy, Mac and Izzy; and her first great great grandchild on the way as well as numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, beloved church family and a host of cherished friends.

Flo's celebration of life will be held at 11:00 am Tuesday, October 27, 2020, at Big Sky Event Hall, 7508 Co. Rd.2584, Royse City, Tx 75189, with interment to follow at Royse City Cemetery. Family will receive friends Monday, October 26, 2020, from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at First United Methodist Church, 305 N. Josephine St., in Royse City.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made in Flo's name to First United Methodist Church Stained Glass Fund 305 N. Josephine St. Royse City, Tx 75189.

Cemetery Details

Royse City Cemetery

928 Cemetery Rd.
Royse City, TX 75189

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **26**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
305 N. Josephine St.
Royse City, TX 75189

Funeral Service

OCT **27**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Big Sky Event Hall
7508 County Road 2584
Royse City, TX 75189

Tribute Wall



“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Flo Burks*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - October 26, 2020 at 12:33 PM

TC

*What treasured memories
Flo will be missed by all of Royse City. She will be missed for all the history she could tell us about the Cookston families
I always knew if I had question who to call.
Love and Miss you Cousin Flo
Toni , Lynette and family*

Toni Lyn Cookston - October 27, 2020 at 10:47 PM

DB

Hello, my name is Dixie (Cookston) Hewlett Briggs and the granddaughter of Aught Cookston, Mike's brother. My mother, Gladys (Cookston) Hewlett would be Flo's first cousin. I was very moved by the life that Flo lived! What a lady! I can tell from her obituary that she loved the Lord and served Him with her talents and gifts. Thank you for the trip down memory lane! I look forward to meeting her in heaven!

Dixie Briggs - October 28, 2020 at 09:09 AM



“ *Flo Burks*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Flo Burks.*



October 26, 2020 at 05:44 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Flo Burks.



October 26, 2020 at 04:31 PM



“ 145 files added to the album Life Tributes



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - October 26, 2020 at 11:25 AM



“ Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Flo Burks.



October 26, 2020 at 10:19 AM

JH

“ The loss of your mother has saddened our entire family, she was a lovely woman and dear to us. We hope the precious memories you carry in your heart will help you through this challenging time.

Please accept our genuine condolences from our family to yours in this difficult time for your family. Loss of a Mother is a significant loss. May time heal the sadness that you feel. We share your pain during these tough times, and know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Richard Hass and Janice Hass

Janice Hass - October 25, 2020 at 10:51 PM

JH

“ Janice Hass sent a virtual gift in memory of Flo Burks



Janice Hass - October 25, 2020 at 10:46 PM

TC

“ I Don't where to start one amazing Lady, She leaves a legacy for her family and friends and the City of Royse City. Her memory was great and enjoyed telling the stories of growing up in Royse City her entire life.

Two weeks ago got to share with 2 cousins who had never been to Royse, they were family of one of her Dad Mikes brother. Lynette and I had the pleasure to have her meet us at Cookston Court and Flo explain its history of the Cookston's in Royse City and then had a nice lunch at Cicero's Fish for lunch. Took them to the cemetery and she was as sharp on all details. The next Saturday was when she got so sick. She visited with Lynette each week at Walmart. Lynette says this will hard not to get her weekly kiss and hug.

You will be missed by many

Love the Sim Cookston family who she called Uncle Sim, Toni Cookston and daughter Lynette Self

Toni Cookston - October 25, 2020 at 01:16 AM

YW

“ Yvonne & Jim Wynne sent a virtual gift in memory of Flo Burks



Yvonne & Jim Wynne - October 24, 2020 at 09:49 PM

NV

“ Nina Villamil lit a candle in memory of Flo Burks



Nina Villamil - October 24, 2020 at 01:46 PM



“ *Touching Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Flo Burks.*



October 24, 2020 at 01:43 PM



“ *What a wonderful, full life. She will be missed by so many. My condolences to all the family. I loved her too and I hope you made many, many sweet memories these past few days that will live forever in your hearts. Love, Merita*

merita harper - October 24, 2020 at 10:28 AM



“ *John Shultz lit a candle in memory of Flo Burks*



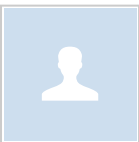
John Shultz - October 23, 2020 at 11:16 PM



“ *Rudy Walker lit a candle in memory of Flo Burks*



Rudy Walker - October 23, 2020 at 10:45 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Flo Burks.*



October 23, 2020 at 10:23 PM