IRENE HEARD EPPLER

August 16, 1933 - April 3, 2007



"The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and He knoweth them that trust in Him." Nahum 1:7

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Lavon Drive Baptist Church Garland, Texas 75040 Pastor: Dr. Gary Coleman

10:00 a.m. VIEWING:

Taped Music "Peace in the time of Storm" 11:00 a.m.

VIOLIN SOLO: "Amazing Grace" Mary Margaret Coleman, Granddaughter, Spartanburg, S.C.

WELCOME:

Pastor Gary Coleman. Scripture and personal remarks.

SPECIAL MUSIC: "I Stand Amazed, How Wonderful" Mrs. Jo Moffett, First Baptist Church of Parker.

WORDS OF APPRECIATION: Don Eppler.

SPECIAL MUSIC: "I Know Whom I Have Believed." Mrs. Jo Moffett, First Baptist Church of Parker.

MESSAGE FROM THE WORD OF GOD: Dr. Hal Brunson, Pastor First Baptist Church of Parker, Where Irene and Don are members.

12:00 p.m. The services will conclude; Lunch will be served for the family and out of town guests by the ladies of Lavon Drive Baptist Church.

1:00 p.m. Travel time to Whitesboro, Texas, about one and a half hours.

2:30 p.m GRAVE SIDE SERVICE:

Oakwood Cemetery about two miles West of Whitesboro on old Hwy 82.

Irene Heard Eppler was born in Collinsville, Texas to Kirby and Pearl Heard on August 16,1933. Irene peacefully passed from her diseased and cancer ridden body into the arms of her Lord Jesus at 4:35 p m. on April 3, 2007. Don, Teresa and Steven were by her side. The hospice nurses were attending her with love and tenderness to keep her as free from pain, in these last few days, as possible. Other family members were also close by.

Irene and Don Eppler were married June 10, 1955 in Collinsville, Texas. They have been all the years, the happy and proud parents of their two children, Teresa and Steven.

Irene was a faithful wife, mother and co-worker, serving over thirty years as a Baptist missionary wife in Uruguay, South America. Many of the friends from there have made personal contact with her during this time of illness, via phone, e-mails and letters. We are so grateful to all.

Teresa married Dan Coleman and they are now the happy and proud parents of eight children, one son-in-law, with a grandson expected in May. Also a new daughter-in-law will be added to the family in May of this year.

Steven married Joy Lambert and they are now the happy and proud parents of seven children. No babies or brides in the foreseeable future.

Irene loved all her grandchildren and was so pleased with each one. She was always so thankful for each of their kindnesses displayed to her; from the eldest to the least. The last real hope that Irene looked forward to, was to see the little great grandson, Micah; who is to be born to Elizabeth and Derek Hawk in May.

Also Matthew Coleman and Kimberly Korch are to be married the last of May. Elizabeth and Matthew, are the eldest of the grandchildren. Then come Sarah, Benjamin, Mary Margaret, Anna Lucinda, Martha and Susannah Coleman, all of Roebuck, SC.

Living closest to us are the twins Joshua and Caleb, Nathan, Timothy, Hannah, Charity and Joyful Eppler,

Irene is survived by one brother, Daryl Heard, of Snyder, Texas, one sisterin-law, Jan Heard, nieces and nephews, aunts and cousins, and family friends.

Also surviving are: brothers and sisters-in-laws Ray and Paula Eppler, Ardmore OK; Tom and Carole Eppler, Cheyenne, Wyoming; Anna Lou and Max Randall, Perry, OK; Pat and Bill Dorcy, McKinney, TX; Binnie and Jerry Stanislav, Oklahoma City, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Irene was preceded in death by her parents and twin brother, Ira Heard.

Viewing and memorial services will be held April 5, 2007 at 10:00 and 11:00a.m. at Lavon Drive Baptist Church, Garland, Texas. The grave-side service will be at the Oakwood Cemetery in Whitesboro, Texas; at 2:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Baptist Church,5304 E. Parker Road, Parker, Texas, 75002. to the Uruguayan Mission ministry in honor of Irene Eppler.

We have appreciated the many cards and calls from friends and family members from different parts of the world.

May God bless you all in Christian love,

The Eppler and Coleman families, I John 3:1-3.