

## JUANITA IRENE BAILEY CLEVELAND

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**1920-2014**

*PARADISE:* Juanita Irene Bailey Cleveland, 93, of Paradise, Texas died Sunday, February 23, 2014 in Decatur, Texas.

Juanita was born in the oil fields of Burkburnett, Texas on April 9, 1920 to Maude (Vandiver) and Leonard Bailey. The Baileys, along with baby son R. J., left Keeter, Texas in the fall of 1919 and moved to Burkburnett. They planned to make as much money as they could and move back in a few years.

In 1922, son Leon Vaughn was born and in 1925 twin girls Dorothy and Doris were born. Conditions were harsh in the oil boomtown and for a while they lived in a tent by the railroad tracks because housing was so scarce. Juanita told of her father taking off his wet overalls when it was so cold they were frozen and would stand alone in the corner.

In the fall of 1927, the Baileys moved back to Wise County and Juanita started school in Boyd. In 1931, brother Gene Winford was born. Juanita met Floyd Cleveland of Cottdale in 1938 at a party in the Garvin Community Center. Floyd and Juanita were married October 10, 1939, in Springtown, Texas. They moved to a three-room house near Cottdale that Floyd's dad and their family had built for them.

Floyd and Juanita raised watermelons, peanuts, and cattle and made a very good living. Their son Coy was born August 19, 1940 and daughter Shirley was born August 22, 1943. The family always had plenty, and Juanita being a good cook fed and helped many people in the community. There was never one too many at mealtime. She carried many people around in her 1941 Ford coupe, which she called "the chicken coop." On May 14, 1963 Juanita proudly became a grandmother, and from then on she was known as Granny.

She is survived by her two children; five grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband, parents, three brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM Wednesday, February 26, 2014, in the Chapel at Jones Family Funeral Home in Bridgeport. Burial followed in Cottdale Cemetery. Danny Russell officiated.

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