



## Frances Merle Privett

September 30, 1932 - February 17, 2018

Celebration of the memory of Frances Merle Privett, 85, of Lubbock will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, February 24, 2018, at Vandelia Church of Christ. The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Friday, February 23, at Sanders Funeral Home.

Merle, as she was known to most of her friends (although she was “Fran” to her beloved Kenneth and “Grandma” to her many grandchildren and their friends) passed away February 17, 2018. She was born September 30, 1932, to David Arthur and Ruth Billingsley. Merle’s family were dry land cotton farmers in the New Deal area. In 1947, her family sold the “First Bale of Cotton” of the year and were awarded prizes from the Junior Chamber of Commerce and local radio stations. Merle graduated from New Deal High School then Draughn’s Business College and moved to Lubbock where she worked at the Borden Company as a secretary and for W.O. Fortenberry as a bookkeeper.

She married the love of her life, Kenneth Privett, on February 14, 1957, and they enjoyed life together for 40 years until his death in 1997. Kenneth and Merle had three boys and loved to play baseball as a family. Merle was a big “Hometown Fan” and loved everything about New Deal, attending the school’s 75th anniversary get-together. She was active in Ladies Bible Study at Vandelia Church of Christ and the Associates of Lubbock Christian University.

She enjoyed playing 42 and dominoes with family and friends.

Merle is survived by her beloved “Three Musketeers,” her three sons, Lyndal Privett and wife Sharon, Bryan Privett and wife Ronna, and Arlan Privett and wife LeAnn; eight grandchildren, Tabitha Blewett and husband Evan, Lyndi Brewer and husband Micah, Christopher Privett and wife Laura, Kendra Privett, Austin Privett and wife Karla, Emily Boecker and husband Paul, Jason Privett and wife Kirsten, and Julianne Jackson and husband Robert; and seven great-grandchildren, Lily, Lotus, Micah, Nathaniel, Zachary, Sadie, and Benjamin; nephew Keith Billingsley and wife Jean, nephew Tom Privett and wife Teresa, niece Darla Dennis and husband Scott, several great nieces and nephews, and many dear and appreciated friends. She is predeceased by beloved family members: husband, Kenneth Privett, father and mother, David Arthur and Ruth Billingsley, brother and sister-in-law Raymond and Mildred Billingsley, and brother-in-law and sister-in-law Pat and Kathy Privett.

The family suggests memorials to the Children’s Home of Lubbock and Lubbock Christian University. Please celebrate the life of Frances Merle Privett by visiting [www.sandersfuneralhome.com](http://www.sandersfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Resthaven Memorial Park

5740 West 19th Street  
Lubbock, TX 79416

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **23**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sanders Funeral Home  
1420 Main Street  
Lubbock, TX 79401  
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## Funeral Service

FEB **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Vandelia Church of Christ  
2002-60th. St.  
Lubbock, TX 79412

# Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Frances Merle Privett



Sanders Funeral Home - February 22, 2018 at 02:35 PM

KR

“ So sorry to hear of this passing. Ms. Privett was a friend to all. I remember how sharp and inquisitive she always was, with subtle humor and a generous spirit. My warmest thoughts are with you as you grieve. Kennon Rider

kennon Rider - February 24, 2018 at 10:43 PM

PB

“ Mrs. Privett was such a wonderful Godly woman. She was always so kind to me. She loved her boys and it was such a joy watching her be so proud of them. When she found out I was pregnant with my son, Zeph, she was so thrilled after my 8 year infertility struggle. She said "See God answered your prayer". I know God welcomed her with open arms and was so proud of her dedication to Him. Family - she left you a legacy.

Praying for you all,  
Pam Bruce

Pam Bruce - February 23, 2018 at 11:06 AM

AP

*Thanks for sharing. That's just a really neat story.*

**Arlan Privett** - February 23, 2018 at 04:01 PM

AP

*“ Oh, Mom, do you remember looking up at the moon so I could see your reflection 500 miles away while talking on the phone? I do. The moon now holds more memories, pictures, and stories than one could ever imagine or hope for. At least I still have the moon to remind me. But, if you could spare just one more story, it would be so very nice.*



**Arlan Privett** - February 22, 2018 at 10:40 PM

RW

*“ My memories of Mrs. Privett are of her big, genuine smile. She always had a smile and an encouraging word. Her family holds a special place in my heart and I pray for comfort and peace for them at this time.*

**Rashell Wilhoit** - February 22, 2018 at 02:40 PM

MA

*It was the day of Kenneth's funeral. Merle saw me and pulled me to the side and very seriously asked me this question. " Just before Kenneth died he said Jesus . Do you think he saw Jesus?" I tried my best to offer her my most convincing assurance and answered, " Merle there is no doubt in my mind he saw Jesus." She looked at me and smiled that big Merle smile and said , " I think he did too." I will never forget that sweet moment we shared.*

**Melinda Poteet Alexander** - February 22, 2018 at 07:48 PM

AP

*Wonderful memory. Thanks.*

**Arlan Privett** - February 22, 2018 at 11:41 PM



“ 70 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Sanders Funeral Home** - February 22, 2018 at 01:32 PM



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**Sanders Funeral Home** - February 22, 2018 at 12:56 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of *Frances Merle Privett*.



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February 20, 2018 at 10:03 PM