



Neta Wise Brookman Kingsbery

December 24, 1930 - May 27, 2023

Neta Wise Brookman Kingsbery, a woman whose welcoming "Hello, Darlin'!" greeted anyone lucky enough to cross her path, undoubtedly shared the same salutation with Jesus at the pearly gates on May 27th, 2023. Neta's irresistible charm, radiant smile, and boundless energy brought a special warmth to every space she occupied, a true embodiment of the spirit of Christmas Eve, the day she was born in 1930.

Born alongside her twin sister Neva to proud parents, Oran and Willie Wise, in a snug farmhouse nestled in the heart of Texas, she soon became one-half of the duo affectionately known as the "Coleman County Queens". Her brothers, the chivalrous older Frank and the lively younger John, were the perfect bookends to these charismatic twins.

Raised amidst the hustle and bustle of farming life, Neta developed an early distaste for cotton picking, prompting her to steer her course towards a life dedicated to educating young minds. After completing Coleman High School in 1948, she made her way to Texas Tech University, where she pursued her passion for education (1952 graduation). Her special passion was helping underprivileged kids learn to read and write. Later in life, she volunteered at the Lubbock prison system helping incarcerated individuals get their GED.

The corridors of Lubbock schools were graced with Neta's vivacious presence

for over three decades, her teachings far exceeding textbooks and extending into invaluable life lessons. In the midst of molding young minds, she earned a master's degree in reading in 1972, a feat as impressive as her ability to juggle her roles as mother to her four wonderful children - Denise Brookman, Charlie Brookman, Dayna Gable (Jim), and Sam Brookman (Stacy). She loved being called Grankie by her grandchildren: Thomas, Sarah, David Hawkins, Audra, Preston, Christian, Nicole, and Natalie (and 3 great grandchildren - Kaelynn, Rylan, and Henley).

A stranger was simply a friend Neta had yet to meet. Her captivating personality attracted all who were fortunate to be in her presence, creating a trail of smiles wherever she went. She was an active pillar of her church, 2nd Baptist of Lubbock, her light extending beyond its walls and into the community she cherished.

Neta experienced a string of marriages, surviving four husbands, with her final and most cherished union being with the accomplished Bill Kingsbery. It was this chapter of her life that brought a new and final joy to her heart.

Neta, with her sparkling eyes and indefatigable spirit, was indeed a ray of Christmas sunshine born into this world. Her legacy will live on in the countless lives she touched and the unending ripples of kindness she left in her wake. The angels must be smiling, for they now have the most charming of companions, who has surely greeted them with a hearty, "Hello, Darlin'!"

Join us in celebrating her life on Saturday, June 3, at 2pm at Second Baptist Church. Donations are welcome to the church or Hospice of Lubbock.

Cemetery Details

Miller Crematory

202 Avenue Q
Lubbock, TX 79415

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 3. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Second Baptist Church
6109 Chicago Avenue
Lubbock, TX 79424

Tribute Wall



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Neta Wise Brookman Kingsbery.*



June 02, 2023 at 02:59 PM



“ *Dayna and family, your mom was such a light and full of joy. I know you will miss her, and you are in our thoughts and prayers. The Bishops.*

Janet - June 02, 2023 at 10:40 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Neta Wise Brookman Kingsbery.*



May 31, 2023 at 06:40 PM