



Sibil Blair Leftwich

November 13, 1919 - May 13, 2013

Services for Sibil Blair Leftwich, 93, of Lubbock will be 2:00 P.M., Friday, May 17, 2013 at Broadway Church of Christ with Doug Hale, Floyd Stumbo and Tim Talley officiating. Following services, burial will be in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Sanders Funeral Home. She died peacefully on Monday, May 13, 2013 at her home in Lubbock.

Sibil was born on November 13, 1919, Gainsville, Texas and moved to Witcha Falls, TX in 1924. She later moved with her parents to Tulia, TX in 1929, Silverton, TX in 1933 and then Lubbock in 1936 where she graduated from Lubbock High School. Because her mother firmly believed that all her children should have a career, Sibil received training and worked as a "coturist". Sibil later graduated Texas Tech with a BS degree in Vocational Home Economics in 1941. Following graduation she taught Home Economics at Wilson, Texas. While at Wilson she developed the states first home economics course for boys.

Sibil met her future husband, Marion Wesley Leftwich, while running an errand for her mother to a grocery store he owned. They eloped and married in Abilene July 5, 1942. Sibil and Marion had four children Marion Wesley Leftwich, Jr., Sarah Catherine Leftwich, Steven Richard Leftwich, and Blair Dennis Leftwich.

After Marion sold his grocery after 32 years he and Sibil became interested in foster care. Sibil went back to Texas Tech and earned a second BS degree, this time in Social Work. Sibil became state certified and worked as a staff member at Smithlawn Maternity Home as a volunteer supervisor of foster parents. During her time with the program she and Marion kept and were involved in the placement of over 300 babies.

Sibil was a long time member of the Broadway Church of Christ where she was involved in a variety of programs. She volunteered as the first dietitian for the newly formed Lubbock Christian School and later Lubbock Christian College.

Sibil was busy in a variety of activities from garden clubs to the Lubbock Women's Club where she was one of the founding members. She was also a founding member of the Ragin Cajun, a Special Olympics support program.

In later years, along with getting certification to be a food judge at the Panhandle-South Plains Fair (32 years), she became a Master Gardener through the AgriLife Extension Service. Sibil became nationally certified as a Master Gardener and was instrumental in setting up numerous community service projects including community gardens and demonstration sites. She also was involved in establishing the Arboretum at the Lubbock Garden and Arts Center. Sibil volunteered at the Ranching and Heritage Center and was sought after as a speaker during Christmas on the topic of Pioneer Christmas. She was also a volunteer for the Lubbock Food Bank's gardens and orchards.

Sibil is survived by her four children, 12 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren.

The family will receive friends Thursday night from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M. at Sanders Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

City of Lubbock Cemetery

2011 East 31st Street
Lubbock, TX 79404

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sanders Funeral Home
1420 Main Street
Lubbock, TX 79401
(806) 763-6433
director@sandersfuneralhome.com
<https://www.sandersfuneralhome.com>

Service

MAY 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

Broadway Church of Christ
1924 Broadway
Lubbock, TX 79401

Tribute Wall

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Blair Leftwich - May 19, 2013 at 01:14 PM

BW

“ *I have many fond memories of time spent with Sibil. I enjoyed so much working with her in the garden and listening to her stories about gardening.*

She made us the best birthday cakes. She made me a pecan pie cake on one of my birthdays that I just loved. She was one special lady that will be greatly missed.

Sorry I can not be there today; but I know Sibil would understand. Going to Dallas with my grand-son for a soccer tournament.

My thoughts and prayers are with the family today.

With love and deep respect,

Brenda Ward

Brenda Ward - May 17, 2013 at 12:46 PM

SC

“ I have wonderful heartfelt memories of Mrs. Leftwich, recalling those days at Super Kids Preschool when we were invited to the Leftwich farm. We picnicked, rode ponies and had a memorable time. For many of our preschoolers it was their first time to ride a horse. I am sure her grandkids Christy and Chad remember those fun times we had. Mrs. Leftwich was always so kind and hospitable and always had a lot of love and good deeds to share. My heart goes out to all her family at this time of great loss.

*Respectfully,
Sharon Cook*

Sharon (Mankin) Cook - May 17, 2013 at 09:36 AM

SC

“ Sharon (Mankin) Cook lit a candle in memory of Sibil Blair Leftwich



Sharon (Mankin) Cook - May 17, 2013 at 09:19 AM

JS

“ Dear Leftwich family,

Our hearts break with yours at the passing on of our dear Sibil. What a lady!! You could ask her just about anything and get sound information because she was knowledgeable in so many areas. She showed her love in so many ways that my family literally would not be the same if God had not blessed us with her. We will really miss her but she is in a better place. We pray that you will be comforted by all the wonderful memories you have of Sibil.

With love and respect,

Dale and Janice Stone family

Janice Stone - May 16, 2013 at 01:13 PM