



Lois "Honey" Radley

September 29, 1930 - November 25, 2018

Celebrating the Life of

Lois "Honey" Radley

Wednesday, November 28, 2018 2:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Sour Lake, Texas

Dr. Duane Kelley

Brother Bill Fabriguze

"Amazing Grace"

Scripture and Prayer

Words of Remembrance

"It is Well with My Soul"

"The Old Rugged Cross"

Message

"I'll Fly Away"

"Go Rest High on That Mountain"





Lois Johnson Radley — a grand matriarch, fiery, loving and strong—died on November 25, 2018.

She was born in trying times, on September 29, 1930, to Edgar and Gertrude Johnson in Grayburg, Texas. The eldest of eight, she graduated from Sour Lake High School in 1948, then married her high school sweetheart, J. Howard Radley, on December 24, 1949. She always joked that she did so in order to move to Sour Lake, where there was indoor plumbing. They were married for 56 years, until his death in 2006.

Lois' life was defined by her faith, her love of her family, and her close ties to her community. It was also marked by her work ethic, which was unflagging. After high school she took a job as a switchboard operator at the Southwestern Bell telephone office on Ann Street, making connections between her fellow townspeople and, when she got bored, listening in on the conversation. She worked there up to the day she went into labor with her first child.

Later, after her four children had all entered school, Lois took over the bookkeeping at Radley Electric, which her father-in-law had founded back in 1945. In that role, and in subsequent positions in the family's various enterprises, she was astute and thorough, staying late to reconcile accounts and wrap up paperwork long after everyone else went home. Along with her long-term strategic vision, her diligence was a crucial component in the success of the family ventures in oil and gas production, oilfield supply sales, vacuum truck services, and real estate.

In addition to her work for family enterprises, Lois was civically engaged. Beginning in the 1960s, she served as president of the Sour Lake chapter of the Friends of the Libraries, and later of the Women's Club of Sour Lake. She was committed to her hometown, and from serving as a den mother to her son's Cub Scout troops to funding scholarships for local high school students, she worked to make the future brighter than the past.

Lois was an endlessly curious person who loved talking to friends and strangers alike and was always armed with a playful, often irreverently edgy quip. She could whistle like a songbird, and she loved all things green and growing, from the thickets and pine forests around her home on Pine Island Bayou, to the potted plants—the many palms, the mother-in-laws’ tongues and a generations-old redbird plant—which flourished in her care.

But arguably, Lois’s most distinctive characteristic was her generosity. Her home was open for anyone who wanted to drop in, be it an old friend or her grandchildren, who often stayed all weekend. She kept a pantry stocked with good food to share, her freezer with popsicles for her grandchildren and Blue Bell for everyone. She gave to anyone who asked and even those who didn’t. She was always astounded that she had been so fortunate in life, that the Lord had blessed her beyond what she thought she deserved, and she directed her good fortune toward anyone she thought might need succor.

Lois was a faithful and strong Christian; she attended Grayburg Baptist Church and later First Baptist Church of Sour Lake, where she was a member of the Senior Sunday School Class and worked with the prison ministry. She found great comfort in the word of God and his assurances of steadfastness and favor for those who followed his Son. Her life was a long and good one, and in the years leading up to her passing, she said many times that she was ready for the Lord to take her home.

Lois was preceded in death by her parents; her siblings, Lillie Mae Jacobson, Alma Jannise, Ernest Johnson, and Beth Davis; her husband, J. Howard Radley; her daughter, Colleen Radley Gatewood; and her son, Joe Keith Radley.

She is survived by her siblings, Edgar “Ollie” Johnson, James Johnson, and Beverly Logsdon; her son, Donnie Radley and his wife, Julie; her son, Terry Radley and his wife Kerry; her son-in-law, Guy Gatewood and his wife, Gail; her 14 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.





















Pallbearers

Ashley Harvey
Christine Ramirez
Alicia Hughes
Noel Radley
Lisa Shaw
Ava Morris
Carmen Radley
Andrew Radley
Bailey Elmore
Whitney Kerl
Anna Lepme
Hannah Radley

Interment

Rosesale Cemetery
Sour Lake, Texas

Memorial Contributions

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Manhattan Beach, California 90266

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The Breast Cancer Research Foundation
28 West 44th Street, Suite 609
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