



*Willie Mae "Bim" Defee*

*December 30, 1921 - June 17, 2021*



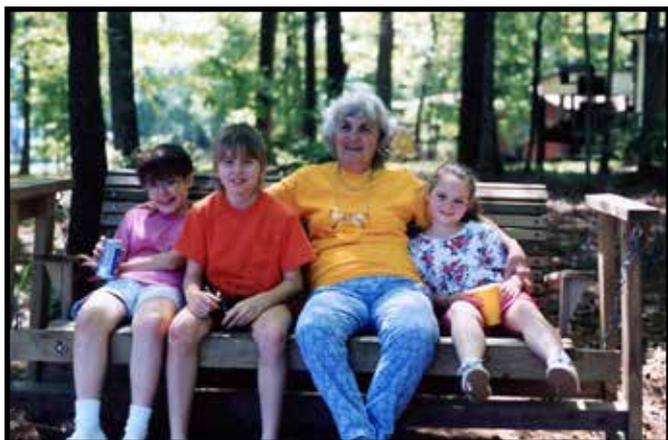
*Willie Mae “Bim” Defee*, 99, of Hemphill, died Thursday, June 17, 2021. She was born December 30, 1921, in Beaumont, to Alma Boutte Gossett and Jarvis Lee Gossett.

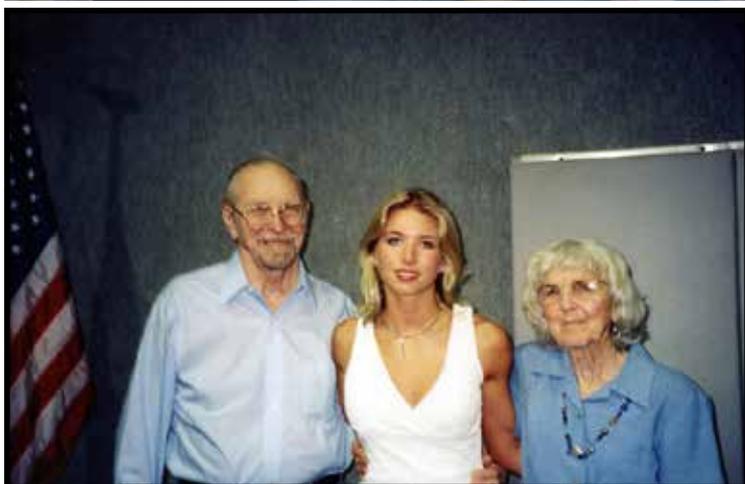
Bim was the name that her extended family and friends used. She was given the name “Memom” by Vince, her oldest grandson who could not say Big Momma. That is the name that the rest of the grandkids, great grandkids and great, great grandkids knew her by. She was the most loving, caring person to all who knew her. She loved to travel with Luke, her husband. They always took Vince and Renee on those vacations throughout their school years! She liked quilting and made personal quilts for all the kids! She was also a very opinionated

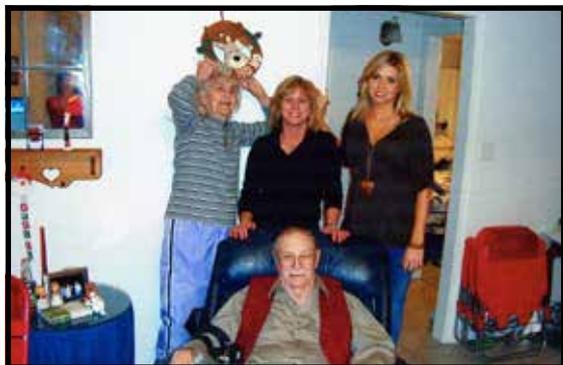
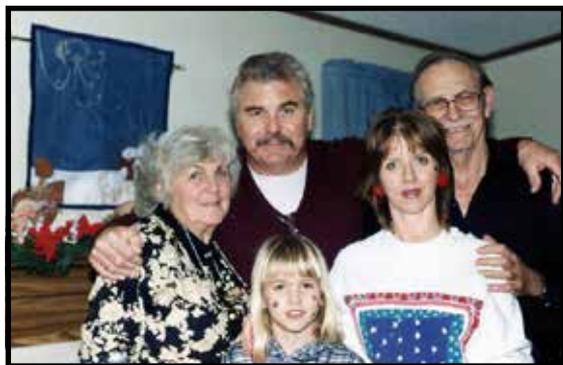
person, and she did not mind sharing those. Mike, her son, nicknamed her “Mama Cosell.” For those too young to understand this reference, he related her opinions to Howard Cosell who was a very opinionated sports commentator! She was a very devout catholic who rarely missed Mass and when she did, most of the time she would have Mass on TV. One of the family events that we all enjoyed were the Christmas Eve’s that we would spend together with the extended family at her house. At the end of the day, Memom’s life was a life well lived and a person who loved and more importantly was loved by everyone that knew her!

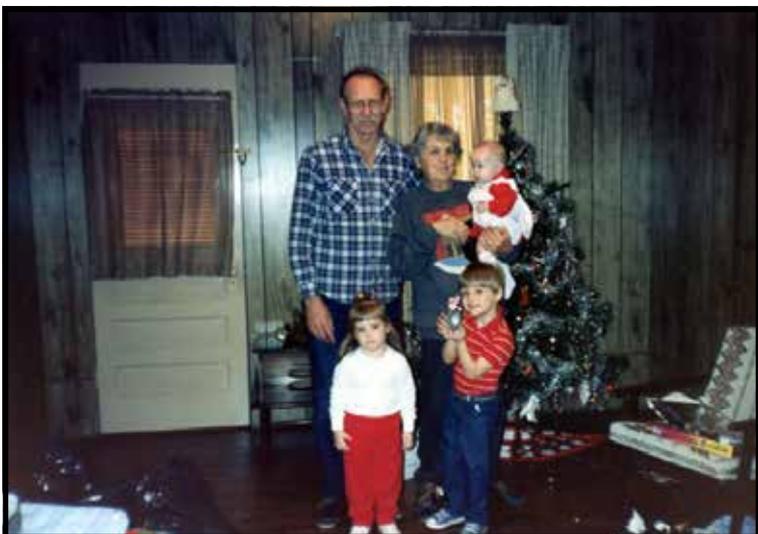
Willie is survived by her son, Michael Lee “Mike” Defee and wife, Darlene, of Hemphill; grandchildren, Michael “Vince” Defee and wife, Mary; Renee Ann Burkett and husband, Murray; Kimberly Cheree Dziuk and husband, Dustin; eight great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and sister, Dolores Whitney.

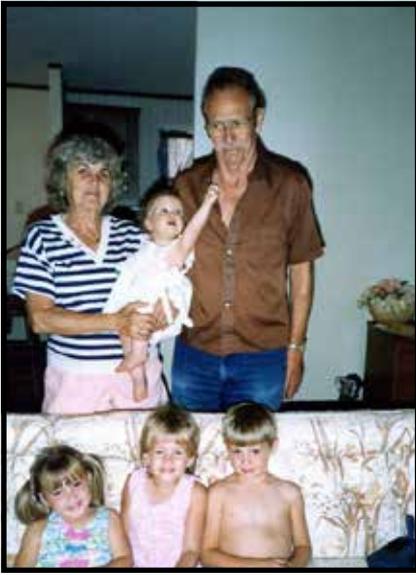
She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Luther Elmer Defee; and sister, Gloria Adams.

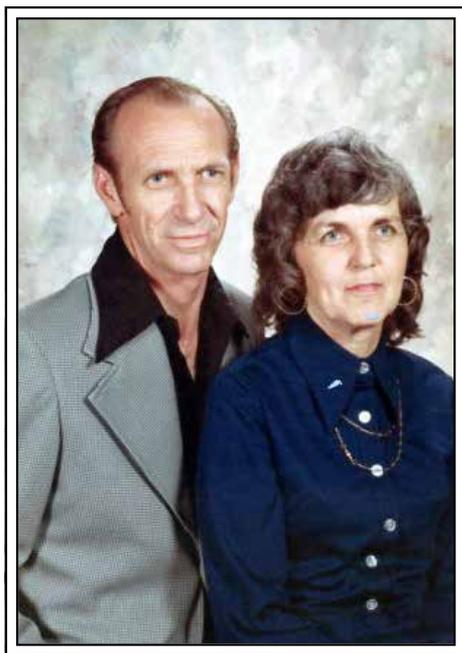












### Graveside Service

Sunday, June 20, 2021 2:30 p.m.

Oak Bluff Memorial Park

Port Neches, Texas

### Pallbearers

Garrett Kissinger

Andy Cassidy

Anthony Christopher

Michael Lee Defee II

Eric Smith

Dustin Dziuk

### Memorial Contributions

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