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**T**ela Ruth Davis Rockett, born May 15, 1930 in Beech Springs, LA to the late Willie Wallace and Irene Sparks Davis, went to her real home in heaven with her Lord and Savior on Saturday, March 17, 2018. Tela graduated from Jonesboro Hodge High School, attended Louisiana College, earned a Bachelor of Religious Education from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, a Bachelor's degree in Home Economics Education from McNeese State University and a Master's of Education from University of Southwestern Louisiana. Tela loved people, loved teaching and had a passion for making a difference in the lives of her students. Her career included teaching kindergarten in Hodge, LA, teaching Home Economics and Family Living classes at LaGrange High, Oak Park Jr. High, and Barb High schools. She was the 1982 Louisiana Home Economics Teacher of the Year and in 1987 received the Outstanding Home Economist Award. Tela was also an accomplished porcelain artist and teacher. For many years she taught Bible studies, participated in mission trips and mentored through her church. Tela made a commitment to love Jesus Christ at the age of 10 and faithfully followed him all of her life. Even though she lived with chronic pain for many years, she was known for her sweet smile, kind hospitality and gracious spirit. Besides her love and compassion for people, her greatest loves were cooking and serving delicious meals and was perhaps the best wild game cook ever. She also greatly enjoyed painting beautiful works of art and never quit learning new techniques. Her hand-stitched greeting cards were a treasure to anyone who received them. Those left to cherish her memory include her devoted and caring husband of 68 years, Arthur, her daughter Sharon (Bob) Graham of Santa Fe, NM, her son David (Linda) Rockett of Covington, LA, and daughter-in-law Leda Rockett of Tyler, TX. She will be greatly missed by her 6 grandchildren, Thomas (Ashley) Rockett, Laura Rockett, Laura Graham, Collin Rockett, Rebecca Graham, and Abigail Rockett and one great granddaughter, Evelyn Rockett. She is also



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survived by 5 siblings, Billy Davis, Sammy (Shelby) Davis, Patsy (Bob) Carnell, James (Becky) Davis and Kitty (Jim) Fannin as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by infant son, Michael and her youngest son, Bryan. The family will receive friends at First Baptist Church of DeRidder on Thursday, March 22 from 7-9 pm and on Friday morning from 9:30 am until service time. The funeral celebration of her life begins at 10:30 am on Friday, March 23 at First Baptist Church of DeRidder. Burial will be in the Jimmie Davis Tabernacle Cemetery in Jonesboro, LA at 4:30 pm. Pallbearers will include Bob Graham, David Rockett, Thomas Rockett, Collin Rockett, Bobby Barrow and Tony Branham. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to Dry Creek Baptist Camp, P.O. Box 580, Dry Creek, LA 70637, and to the building fund of First Baptist Church in DeRidder, 2030 Hwy 171, DeRidder, LA 70634. Arrangements are being handled by Labby Memorial Funeral Home in DeRidder. The family wishes to extend very special thanks to Sandra Grant for her kind and loving care during these last 9 months.



## Tribute Wall

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TW

**Troy-Anthony West** posted:

May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

March 30 at 7:00 PM

MC

**Mural Cormie** posted:

To our dear brother-in-Christ, Arthur, and to each of the Rockett family members; to the Davis family and to all who loved Tela and cherish her memory: Tela and Arthur have been our friends for many years! As we remember our dear sister-in-Christ, we see courage and character, and the beauty of God's promise fulfilled in one who has truly persevered! We need only say, 'Oh God, You are a magnificent God!!!In Christian Love and Prayers,Mural, Camille and the Cormie Family

March 21 at 7:00 PM

BH

**Barbara Hickman** posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Tela was a beautiful woman with a loving heart and a wonderful smile. She will be missed but I know that she is celebrating a new life with no pain in heaven with our Lord Jesus Christ.

March 21 at 7:00 PM

JS

**Juaneil Mccloud Strickland** posted:

Love and condolences to this sweet family! I am praying for you now and in the days ahead.

March 19 at 7:00 PM

EF

**Edith Large Fruge** posted:

Sharon, I am so sorry for your loss. My sister Pat let me know about your mom. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God bless you and keep you.

March 19 at 7:00 PM

CD

**Carolyn Delahoussaye** posted:

OMay God comfort you with wonderful memories of this dear lady who meant so much to us in Jennings.

March 19 at 7:00 PM



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**Mandy McCain** posted:

I cannot say enough kind words about this beautiful woman. Ms. Tela was so kind and loving and will definitely be missed. Most of all by Dr. Rockett. I don't know what they will do without each other. Hugs and kisses to all.

March 18 at 7:00 PM



**Vickey Richard-Breaux** posted:

I am so sorry for the loss but know she is celebrating a new life in heaven. I have so many fond memories of you all when you were in Jennings. And going to your home with Sharon after church sometimes. Miss Tela was, a, beautiful sweet role model. She will be missed by all that knew and loved her.

March 18 at 7:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Tela by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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