



Billie Helm

February 20, 2026

Billie Sue Shaffer Helm, age 88 of Winters, passed away Friday, February 20, 2026.

Billie was born August 12, 1937 in Bradshaw, Texas, to Milbern and Maggie Shaffer. Billie grew up in South Taylor county in the Moro community and graduated from South Taylor High School which is now Jim Ned CISD in 1956.

Her happiest times were spending time outside. She loved taking care of the many animals that were raised on her ranch and always had bottled lambs to feed. As she got older she moved into town and enjoyed growing beautiful flowers and caring for her yard. She always worried about the wildlife so she made sure to keep the birds who visited her yard fed and watered throughout the winter. Billie enjoyed playing cards with a local group of women at the senior citizen center for many years and enjoyed being around her friends. Her greatest joy in life was her family. She was devoted to her children and grandchildren and loved them deeply. She cherished family reunions and loved her cousins with whom she grew up with. Billie loved being a grandmother and her grandchildren were her pride and joy. She went to various lengths to make sure they were never in need of anything that she could provide. She cheered them on in their many activities and attended as many as she could.

She had a strong christian faith and loved her church. She missed her church family as she became unable to attend and participate in their services.

Billie is survived by her husband, Robert (Bob) Vivian, son Mike Helm, daughter Teressa Helm Tekell and husband Nathan, grandsons Eric Tekell, Matt Tekell and wife Kelly, granddaughter Brittney Tekell Wright and husband Virgil, great grandchildren Kailynn Prewit, Brinley and Colton Wright, Mason, Avery, and Nathan Tekell. Her beloved twin sister, Emma Lou Shaffer Nix. Step-children BJ and Greg Vivian, and Cindy Crawford. Numerous nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends.

The family will receive friends at 5:00 p.m. Sunday, February 22, 2026 at Winters Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, February 23, 2026 at Winters Funeral Home with burial following at Bluff Creek Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please choose a charity of your choice for a donation.

Previous Events

Receive Friends

FEB **22**. 5:00 PM (CT)

Winters Funeral Home
120 State Street
Winters, TX 79567

Funeral Service

FEB **23**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LB

“ *Billie Sue hired me to stain her kitchen cabinets and even paid me. I had no idea what I was doing but she assured me I was doing a good job. Afterwards she sent me home with the sweetest yellow kitty I named Punkin’! Mom told me that our dog would kill the cat but I taught him that the cat was to stay and he left Punkin’ alone. I was so fond of that cat; one of them many she raised. She along with Betty Blackerby Tekell always helped get our calves tails ratted into balls with many cans of hairspray. Oh those stocks how memories are the best. Billie Sue was pretty special to our family. May all of you find joy in your many memories and the love you shared.*

Lisa Blake - February 22 at 06:40 PM

TT

“ *Teressa and Mike - Prayers for your Family. Billie Sue was always good to me. 🙏😊*
Love
Tony & Bobbie

Tony & Bobbie Truelove - February 21 at 04:15 PM

CF

“ *Loved Billie. She was spunky and a go-getter. Enjoyed our many visits over the years. We will miss seeing you at the store. Our deepest sympathies and condolences to the family.*

Cory Foreman
Lawrence Hall Abilene

Cory Foreman - February 21 at 11:42 AM

DB

Billie Sue is surely going to be missed by her church family and good friends. Heaven gained a great woman. Billie Sue loved the old gospel songs that were led by Paul Davis and the newer Christian music led by Chris Smith. The past few months that her health was failing she listened in on Kenny Smith's sermons but the last Sunday on this earth she did not feel like listening as she hurt too much. I will miss her so much but would not ask her back into her frail body. God bless Bob Vivian and her entire family. May she rest in peace. 💕💕💕

Dawn Bradley - February 22 at 06:49 PM

CB

Having had Billie Sue as a sister-in-law for almost 50 years, I came to know her very well. She had a rocky start in life, but I admire that she was able to move forward and maintain her enthusiasm for living. I didn't realize that her health had failed to such an extent but hope she has found peace and is assuredly no longer in pain. Mike and Teresa, the passing of our mothers is an incredibly hard time so try to move forward with your lives, but I know she would want that.

Your Aunt Carolyn Helm Brown

Carolyn Helm Brown - February 24 at 02:49 PM