



## Margie Marsalis

April 7, 1917 - October 16, 2011

Marjorie B. Marsalis passed away on October 16, 2011. Born in Garden City, Louisiana on April 7, 1917 to Dr. Eric J. Bertrand and Marie B. Bertrand. Margie traveled many places in the United States. Dr. Bertrand notably was the first Optometrist in Bayou Tech area of Louisiana and Marie the first female Post Mistress in the state.

Raised in New Iberia, Louisiana, Margie graduated high school at the age of 15 and then attended South Western University, in Lafayette, Louisiana. On February 7, 1935 Margie married Ira W. Pop Marsalis in New Iberia and they set out to see the United States as they took part in the Oil Wild Catting of the age. They were married 75 years with Ira passing away August 12, 2010.

Margie is also predeceased by her twin sons Carl and Charles Marsalis, a grandson Roger Ward, and a grand daughter. She is survived by her daughters, Dolly Callaway of Sugarland, Texas, Marjorie Shu-Shu Ward and her husband Al of South Houston, Texas her son Ira Marsalis Jr. and his wife Mary of Harwood, Texas, daughter in laws, Carol Marsalis of North Port, Alabama and Wanda Marsalis of Richmond, Texas, Also nine grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and one great great grandson.

An Avid reader, game player, and fisher woman, Margie was happiest with her family and her beloved husband, Ira. She had varied careers. She once wrote

for the Fort Bend Mirror, taught high school Math and Science in both Missouri City, Texas and Harvey, Louisiana; she worked for the First Prize Bean on South Main in Houston and worked and retired from Kmart in both South Houston and Pasadena , Texas. She also ran her own Nursery School in Missouri City, Texas.

Ironically, Margie and Ira once served, along with their favorite VFW group in Rosenberg as volunteers at the Fort Bend Health Care Center where Margie spent the last year of her life. The family would like to thank the home for its good treatment of Margie and to all of the individuals who gave her special care, as well as the HOSPICE group that came to take care of her the last days of her life and to make it so much easier for their well loved mother.

There will be a small graveside service at the Davis Greenlawn Funeral Home at 1 P.M. on Tuesday, October 18, 2011; viewing will begin at noon at the funeral home. The family requests in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Margie's name to the VFW and the American Legion Chapters in Rosenberg.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *all the family will be kept in our thoughts and prayers , aunt margie surley had a very full life ,saw a lot & been a lot of places . norris & patsy ruth marsalis rader*

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**norris & patsy ruth rader** - October 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *AUNT MARGIE WAS A GIVING PEARSON . SHE HELPED ME A LOT WHEN I FIRST STARTED ON THE COMPUTER , VERY ENCOURAGING , SHE ALSO HAD A FULL LIFE , WILL KEEP ALL FAMILY IN OUR PRAYERS . BUBBA & MYRNA*

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