



## Matylde Rita Butler

May 9, 1921 - November 4, 2017

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childhood with her family.

In 1939, she married the love of her life, LD Butler of Wallis, Texas. They settled in Wharton that year and it became her home for 77 years. For 57 years they continually shared a most loving and rewarding life together. In May of 1944, dad was drafted for WWII duty in the Pacific and for over two years she was left to provide and care for their two children. She worked at a butcher shop, café waiting tables, took in sewing, picked cotton, and did what it took to make ends meet. While they were separated at this time, they wrote many letters and she kept them in two shoeboxes all these many years. Her strength, determination and faith saw her through these hard years without dad.

Soon after his return, Matylde began commuting to The University of Houston and in time received her teaching degree. For 34 years she taught in the Wharton I.S.D. and dedicated her professional life to teach “language arts”—the love of reading. She instilled high standards and an appreciation for the English language to those she taught. Even when retired and in her 80’s, she volunteered at Sivells Elementary School to work with SL children for whom she had a deep appreciation as she too had been an SL student speaking only Czech as a first grader. Later in her career years, she earned a master’s degree in counseling from Prairie View A&M becoming a middle school counselor to help change the lives of troubled youth.

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A celebration of Matylde Butler’s life is 10:00 A.M., Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at Davis Greenlawn Chapel in Rosenberg, Texas with Rev. John Lockhart officiating. Internment follows at Greenlawn Memorial Park, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd. in Rosenberg. Celebration of her life and luncheon will follow at 801 Foster Drive, Richmond, Texas 77469. Pallbearers for the service are: James Butler, Marvin Kristynik, Kristopher Kristynik, James Butler II, Neil Butler, Luke Hall, Donald Hollas and Brendon Mahand. Honorary Pallbearers are Fred Koenig, Jackie Robertson and Clint Jiminez.

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# Cemetery Details

## **Greenlawn Memorial Park**

3900 B.F. Terry Blvd.  
Rosenberg, TX 77471

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Matylde Butler was my 6th grade homeroom teacher as I began public school at Wharton Elementary School on Alabama Road. I was a frightened, unhappy new student, having previously attended the very small, sheltering Holy Family Catholic School, leaving all my friends behind. Mrs. Butler immediately sensed that I was lost and lonely and gave me many reassuring hugs and was truly my mother that entire first year. She was a wonderful teacher and was never too busy for me or anyone else who needed assurance or extra help in the classroom.*

*I will always remember her smile and the kindness in those beautiful eyes. She dried my tears many times; always making sure that I boarded the right bus for the ride home. I will never forget her and I know that she is already resting in God's arms after taking care of some many of His children. To the family, I thank you for sharing her with me and all her students. Please accept my deepest sympathy and prayers for peace at this time. Mrs. Butler was truly an angel on earth.*

*Kindest regards,*

*Pat Heimann Hackworth*

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**Pat Heimann Hackworth** - November 14, 2017 at 03:19 PM

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“ *Matylda will be missed. She is a beautiful and very sweet lady. My neighbor for years here in Matagorda. She will be at peace with LD. Love ya , mrs butler*

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**Rachele Rawlings** - November 08, 2017 at 09:16 PM