



Alice Vivian Tillerson

January 7, 1934 - October 27, 2012

Our beloved mother, Alice Vivian Tillerson, was taken by the angels to be with the Lord on October 27, 2012 after a long illness.

Visitation will be Friday from 6-8 p.m. at Johnson-Moore Funeral Home.

To honor her wishes, she was cremated and a funeral Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, November 3, 2012 at St. Patrick Catholic Church with Father Stephen Mocio officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to Four Rivers Outreach, 210 S. Rusk, Sherman, TX 75090.

She was born to Thomas Orville and Hope Baine Tillerson on January 7, 1934 in Denison, Texas. She attended St. Xavier's Academy through 12th grade and was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church and a lifelong Catholic.

Alice worked many years at Perrin AFB and later went to work at NASA Johnson Space Center writing books for upcoming missions. She worked on the Gemini and Apollo missions in the 1960's. She returned to college to become a psychiatric RN specializing in chemical detox and recovery, working in local hospitals and in North Texas for over 30 years. She was a member of AA where she obtained over 42 years sobriety and helped so many others with their recovery. She also was one of the original few who started the first halfway house for alcoholics and addicts "House of Hope" in Sherman, Texas.

She was married to Donald K. Wilburn of Ft. Worth right out of high school and they had two children, Linda Marie and Michael Orville. In the 50's, at Perrin AFB, she met and married, SSgt. Armond S. Groves. He adopted her prior children.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hope and Thomas Orville Tillerson; brother, William Glenn Tillerson; son, Michael Orville Groves and husbands, Armond S. Groves and Rogers VanZandt.

Alice is survived by her three children, Linda Pollaro of Denison, "Sally" Alice Miller and her husband, Eric of Southlake, Texas and Lee Nail and his wife, Kenya of Duncan, Oklahoma; grandchildren, Hilary KinCannon and Shawn KinCannon, Sean Pollaro and Courtney Rice, Julian Pollaro, Elliot Pollaro, Emily Clark, Nick Miller, Casey Miller and Jennifer Lewis. She also has 9 great grandchildren.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew her for her kindness and loving heart and the

endless work she did in the community with her beloved "babies" as she referred to them, in recovery from addiction.

Condolences may be registered to: www.johnsonmoorefuneralhome.net.

Cemetery

Events

Cedarlawn Memorial Park
5805 Texoma Parkway
Sherman, TX, 75090

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Visitation

06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Johnson-Moore Funeral Home

631 West Woodard Street, Denison, TX, US, 75020

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Service

10:00AM - 11:00AM

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St. Patrick Catholic Church

416 N. Rusk Ave., Denison, TX, US, 75020

Comments



“ Everything I ever knew about Alice was how kind, loving, and compassionate she was. Always a friend to everyone she met. I miss you my friend.

Janice Akers - September 27, 2014 at 10:54 AM



“ Nana this is emily ur one and olny red headed granddaughter I love u and miss u very much I know ur in a better place and not hurting anymore but u r loved and missed untill we meet again love u

Jacob Clarkston - July 26, 2013 at 10:57 PM



“ Alice was a wonderful mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend. She always had a smile on her face and was always full of cheer. Alice positively impacted the lives of many and she was loved dearly by her family and friends. We will miss not having her here, but we know she is in heaven shining down on us. She has a special place in my heart and she will always be remembered.

Courtney Rice - November 02, 2012 at 12:55 PM



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Linda Pollaro - November 01, 2012 at 03:33 PM



“ As a young green alcohol and drug counselor she took me under her wing and taught me more than I learned in any classroom. Do not think anyone ever knew about her mentoring me and forcing me to work those damn 12 Steps but she knew what she was doing and I grew both personally and professionally. I will always be indebted to her and will hold her in my heart where the smiles are located. My love to Linda and all of the family.

Thom

Thomas M. Metcalf - November 01, 2012 at 04:59 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with Alice's family. May God comfort you as only He can. I learned a lot about people and how to relate to them as I worked with Alice. She had a special place in her heart for all of her AA "babies" and any others who needed guidance. I will miss her sweet smile, but I can look forward to seeing her again.

Linda

Linda Townsend - November 02, 2012 at 10:02 AM



“ Linda, So very sorry for the loss of you beloved mother. Take care and God bless you and yours.

Mark Grams - November 04, 2012 at 11:14 AM



“ Condolences to the family of my dear friend Alice whose friend- ship lasted from our high school years till her passing from here to be with the Lord. I have so many memories of our days enjoying the down town loop in Papa Tillerson car, and the sleep overs at her home. My child Alice was named for her. She was a very special person and friend. May God bless and keep the family!

Mary Singleton Gregory

Mary Singleton Gregory - November 04, 2012 at 06:13 PM