



Bertha Solomon

August 18, 1926 - October 25, 2012

SOLOMON, BERTHA RICH Age 86, died October 25, 2012 at her home on Albuquerque, NM. The youngest of three children born to Jonathan and Pearl Rich in Devol, OK, Bertha grew up on the farm, in a home full of love. Though devoted to both her parents, she was admittedly something of a “daddy’s girl.” She accepted Christ as her Savior as a child and remained committed to Him all her life. Bertha excelled in sports and her studies at school, playing basketball and softball and serving as valedictorian of her class at Union Valley High School. She also played the piano, mostly self-taught. She worked for the telephone company in nearby Wichita Falls, Texas, after graduation until her fiancé, Roy Solomon, returned home from duty following World War II. They married on January 20, 1945 at her parents’ home. The newlyweds knew farm life was not for them, and after short stints in oil field work in southern Texas and New Mexico, they found a home in booming Farmington, New Mexico, where they lived for 50 years. Both worked for El Paso Natural Gas Company, Roy for more than 30 years and Bertha for nearly 20 years. They raised two sons, Brian and Gary, whom they tutored, coached and encouraged in every aspect of life. Bertha, in particular, provided them with a spiritual foundation important for successful living. She had a similar impact on her grandchildren and great- grandchildren. Upon Roy’s death in 2001, Bertha relocated to Albuquerque. The move not only brought her closer to family but also introduced her to new neighbors and friends. She thrived on volunteering at church and attending senior citizens activities. As late as her

early 80's she tutored elementary school children in reading, taught a Bible study class and worked in the office at Del Norte Baptist Church one afternoon a week. Bertha is survived by her sons; beloved daughters-in-law, Kathy and Marsha; grandchildren, Gen Canada and Jason Solomon and their spouses, Roy and Jennifer; six great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. One of the last things Bertha told her pastor was, "In my Memorial service, I just want the Lord's Name to be lifted up." May it be so. Friends may visit 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Monday, October 29, 2012 at French – Lomas. A Private Graveside Service will be held at Sunset Memorial Park, 924 Menaul Blvd NE. A Memorial Service will be held Tuesday, October 30, 2012, 2:00 p.m. at Del Norte Baptist Church, 5800 Montgomery Boulevard NE.

Tribute Wall

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“ To my longtime friends, Gary and Brian: I cherish every single memory of your mother---and they are numerous. You lost your best friend BUT we have hope that you ARE going to see her again. Bertha was so joyful, playful and downright funny. Her humor, jesting, and teases were only for fun and never harmful. Her faith was solid and sure, in Jesus. Oh, Bertha....I am missing you already. We had fun with games and sports and growing up with hundreds of meals shared, from maybe 1953/4 thru college days and grads, weddings, trips home...wow. The visits we enjoyed were spaced out thereafter but so full of fun again, remembering all of our special times as families. She was a mom or aunt to me or a good FRIEND. Love you Berter!!!

Phil and Alana (Fisher)Price - November 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dear Gen and family; May the memories of your precious grandmother warm your heart and bring you ever closer to our dear Lord. With my deepest sympathy, lovingly, Johanna Major

Johanna Major - November 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ Gary, I did not have the pleasure of meeting your mom but from what I read, you were richly blessed to have her. I know she will be missed by all of you, but I rejoice knowing that she has reached her reward. How wonderful for her. I have prayed for you to have peace and understanding in this difficult time and for you to feel God in a special way.

kelvin - November 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Gen, Vicki and I were able to hear your love to your Grandmother at her service. She was what we Christians all esteem to be. What a wonderful legacy for you and your children. I know you will miss here so much, but as you said, you will see her soon and very soon. I love you and I love the way you love the Lord. I have a sense she had something to do with that. Sally

Sally Chapman - November 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Dear Gen, you and your family are in our prayers, as you grieve the passing of your beloved grandmother. We are happy to see Bertha's picture ~ she visibly had a lovely spirit, and we know she'll be missed by all.

Mark & Marcia - November 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Gary, I was sorry to hear of the passing of your mom, but what a testament to her family, church, and community she had to be. I know that you will miss her, but you will see that her sweet spirit will always be with you. May your family know peace and comfort during this time, and that you know that your Carrollton family keeps you in their prayers.

Lee Burson - October 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Bertha was a dear sweet Sister-in-law and sister in christ to me for so long and will be missed. To her family you have lost a treasure as I'm aware you all know. You are all in our prayers and we pray God will comfort your hearts as only he can. Sorry were not physically able to come.

Marsha Solomon - October 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NT

“ Gary and Marsha, I am so sorry for the loss of your dear mother. I know you have fond memories that you can think about during this sad time. May you know God's comfort and know that she resting in the arms of God. Keeping you in my prayers. Love you, Nancy

Nancy Tsipolitis - October 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Being a member of Gary and Marsha's Bible Study Class we had the honor off meeting Ms. Bertha. Whenever she made a visit to our class she did bring her smile and her knowledge of the Bible. My sympathy and prayers are with the entire family of this lovely lady.

Sylvia W. Phillips - October 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Dear Brian, Kathy and families, Our deepest condolences to you all; our memories will continue for generations. Your Mom's life was a blessing to us as she reflected the love of our Lord every time we were with her. We will always remember here smile and how she always welcomed us into her home with joy. It is evident that your Mom has reflected her Love for the Lord into your lives and you reflect her teachings to and values as you have been taught. What a wonderful person and friend who loved and lived life with great passion.

Max & Glenda Seale - October 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ She was a co-worker and friend at El Paso Natural Gas Co. - Bertha was always a lady.

Carl E. Matthews - October 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *Bertha was a very dear friend to me and my family. Her love for the Lord was such an encouraging reminder. She always complimented me in my service to the Lord and reminded me to keep serving Him for the rest of my life. She will be missed so much but I know she is suffering no more.*

Sonja Nelson & family - October 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Our hearts and prayers go out to Bertha's sweet family. Our years of serving with Bertha in the same church brings memories of laughter and joy. Bertha also sang in the choir with Charlotte and it is our request that the service for our dear friend includes the song "Victory in Jesus", as it was one of her favorites. God Bless the families left behind. She joins the saints in heaven and she will be welcomed with open arms. She was an Earthly Angel...*

Mark and Charlotte Bradshaw - October 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Our much loved and dear friend and neighbor Miss Bertha will be greatly missed. May her family and friends find comfort that she is with the Lord. May we all keep her faith and outlook on life in our own hearts and daily lives. God Bless.*

The Bolin Family - October 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *I first met Bertha last fall while visiting my sister Linda Bolin. Bertha was sweet and thankful for all thing and had a joyful attitude about life and a ready smile on her face. The family has lost a loved one and neighbor hood lost a friend*

mary Beale - October 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *On behalf of the French Family of Companies we want to express to you our deepest condolences.*

Richard Stewart - October 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM