



## Zula Mae Slay

November 15, 1922 - October 21, 2010

Zula Mae Slay of Lindsay, Oklahoma passed from this life on Thursday, October 21st, 2010 at Lindsay Manor Nursing Home in Lindsay at the age of 87. Zula was born on November 15th, 1922 in Palestine, Texas to John L. and Floney Hilton. She married Milbern Slay in Gainesville, Texas on October 15, 1974.

If you went to visit Zula at her house, you would surely get a tour of her yard and beautiful flowers. She loved her flowers and she was proud of how well she cared for them. In fact, Zula loved her flowers so much that she moved them with her everywhere she went - even to Texas and back. Her flowers were carefully dug up and packaged for each move and then lovingly placed in their new home. It always felt good for Zula to have the things she loved around her.

God, in His perfect loving kindness saw this and gave Zula back the beautiful gift she had given to her flowers.

As Zula came to the end of her time here on Earth, God strategically place the perfect people around her that would love her and accept a woman who had such a difficult time loving people the way that she had been able to love and care for her beautiful flowers.

Zula's niece Yvonda Slay stepped into a much deeper relationship with Zula as she made the commitment to care for them in their physical and emotional needs as things got difficult with their health issues. It was hard for Zula to trust someone with such important pieces in her life, but Yvonda prevailed through those challenges and remained the rock that they so needed. Having that relationship in place became even more important when Zula's husband, Milbern passed away in June.

Yvonda's position at Home Health gave her an even better ability to be there for Milbern and Zula in their need. As Yvonda moved on to a different career path, she remained close to them but she was assisted by yet another nurse that cared and loved beyond anyone's expectation. Teresa monitored their medical needs and loved them. Later when their conditions deteriorated and they went to the Nursing home, Zula's love and wonderful care were continued along with Teresa and the other wonderful staff at Lindsay Manor Nursing Home and the amazing team of Area of Life Hospice. Of course Yvonda remained steadfast with the care of their home and many other needs --- and with the unconditional Love that would bring Zula to the Lord. One day this gentlemen stopped by their house and asked if he could take care of their yard. His name is Glen McDaniel and he has groomed the yard from that point early summer and is still doing it today.

If you drive by Zula's yard today you can see those very flowers blooming in full glory and it's wonderful to know that Zula is walking amongst flowers more beautiful than she ever could have imagined.

Mrs. Slay is survived by seven children; Milbern Glen Slay Jr. of La Selva Beach, California, Joyce Darlene Hall of Santa Cruz, California, Kathryn Sue Rainey of Capitola, California, Carol Ann Moreland of Gilroy, California, Kenneth Ray Slay of Watsonville, California, Barbara Jo Salisbury of Georgetown, Texas and Deborah Lynn Carr of Newman, California. Zula also

leaves behind fifteen grandchildren; Chris Slay, Keith Slay, Dean Slay, Michael Hall, Sandi Yates, Wendi Nelson, Kevin Hall, Jason Rainey, Nicholas Slay, Benjamin Moreland, Brittany Axle, Kimberly Axle and Brian Axle, all of California, Erin Rhea and Amanda Shannon, both of Texas along with seventeen great-grandchildren and two more that are on-the-way.

Mrs. Slay was preceded in death by her husband Milbern Slay, her father, John Hilton, her mother, Floney Hilton and her siblings; Leroy, George and Thelma.

Funeral services for Mrs. Slay are set for two thirty o'clock p.m. on Sunday, October 24th, 2010 at Erin Springs Cemetery in Erin Springs, Oklahoma with Pastor John Hornbeck officiating. Services are under the direction of B.G. Boydston Funeral Home of Lindsay, Oklahoma. Condolences for the family may b

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Barbara and Debbie, I am sorry about your family sorrow. I have wondered about you both since you left. Please call or message me and let me know how your doing.*

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**Sherry Perry Kochert** - December 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM