

## I NEEDED THE QUIET

I needed the quiet so He drew me aside.  
Into the shadows where we could confide.  
Away from the bustle where all the day long  
I hurried and worried when active and strong.

I needed the quiet tho at first I rebelled  
But gently, so gently, my cross He upheld  
And whispered so sweetly of spiritual things  
Tho weakened in body, my spirit took wings  
To heights never dreamed of when active and gay,  
He loved me so greatly He drew me away.

I needed the quiet. No prison my bed,  
But a beautiful valley of blessings instead  
A place to grow richer in Jesus to hide.  
I needed the quiet so He drew me aside.

Alice Hansche Mortenson

## FAMILY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We, the family of Laura V. Bradley, thank you for your help in this very difficult time of sadness and loss. Whether it was your prayers, a call, card, a willingness to serve or any way you assisted us, we deeply and sincerely thank you. As prescribed in scripture, you have truly helped us bear our infirmities. Your help and the knowledge that she lived an exemplary Christian life continues to be of extreme comfort to us. Again, thank you and may God bless.

## PALLBEARERS

Men of Growing Valley Baptist Church  
East Texas Longview District

## INTERMENT

Jordan Valley Memorial Park  
810 Jordan Valley Road - Longview, Texas 75604

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## Final Christian Rites

for

# Laura Verna Bradley



July 13, 1918 - August 17, 2024

"A Christian woman who fervently studied the word of God  
and truly cared about sharing it with others."

Saturday, August 24, 2024

11:00 am

Growing Valley Baptist Church

209 Harlem Avenue

Longview, Texas 75601

Rev. Kelvin Lynch, Pastor & Officiant

## Obituary

Laura Verna Baker was born in Bremond, Texas on July 13, 1918, the fifth of eight children born to John and Ella Baker. She was educated in the Bremond public school system and received her religious training at Bremond's New Hope Baptist Church.

She attended Prairie View A & M University and after her studies, served as the university's Postmaster General. During this time, she met and later married the Rev. R. B. Bradley. They moved from Texas and together built a life and family in Saginaw, Michigan. He became pastor and she served as First Lady of Mount Olive Baptist Church.

In 1958 the family relocated to Longview, Texas where Rev. Bradley assumed leadership of the Growing Valley Baptist Church and Laura served the church in various capacities including Sunday School teacher, church musician, youth director, and leadership of various missionary groups. While working tirelessly in the church and caring for her family she also taught in the Texas public school system for 48 years.

Her life was one of devotion and commitment. She was committed to her husband; she was committed to her faith and she was committed to her family. This was evident to everyone that spent time with her. She found extreme satisfaction and joy in her service to the church. She was an avid Bible reader, not only reading daily but also committing time to in-depth study. Outside her home church, she demonstrated her faith through service that included 24 years as President of the Women's Auxiliary of the East Texas Baptist Longview District Association (ETBLDA). She started the March of Dimes Charitable Fund Raising for the ETBLDA and served 20 years as the Vice President at Large for Texas Educational State Baptist Convention.

She lived 106 years! When asked her secret for longevity, her answer was always the same, "To God Be the Glory". When asked about her favorite things in life she would always say "first, I love the young people. I love watching them grow, I love their energy and I love seeing them learn". Second, "I love the elderly. I love their wisdom, hearing their stories and being in their presence." Third, "I love all those in between".

She is survived by one son, Robert Taft Bradley (Jo Ann), Longview, Texas and one daughter, Laura Bradley Price (Danny), Arlington, Texas. Two daughters-in-law, Mae G. Bradley, Indianapolis, Indiana and Hetra Bradley, West Bloomfield, Michigan. Seven grandchildren, Angela Graves, Holli Harrington, Fernanda Christian, Yolanda Thompson, Trenton Bradley Price, Réna Bradley, and Tyler Lauren Price, and a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, church family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her late husband, Rev. R. B. Bradley, two sons, Rev. James R. Bradley and Raina B. Bradley, Jr., both parents and all seven siblings.

## Order of Service

Processional.....Musician Jarrell Biddle

Sealing of the Casket.....Funeral Director

Scripture Readings:  
Old Testament..... Rev. Richard Holloway  
New Testament..... Rev. Jalen Williams

Prayer ..... Rev. Jalen Williams

Solo.....Melita Chew-Campbell  
"Well Done"

Resolutions.....Growing Valley Baptist Church

Remarks.....Two Minutes, Please  
Missionary Sister - Velma Clay  
Friend - Sedelia Nelson  
Grandson - Trenton Price

Solo.....Robert Bradley  
"Blessed Assurance"

Eulogy.....Rev. Kelvin Lynch

Recessional.....Musician Jarrell Biddle

Committal & Interment.....Jordan Valley Memorial Park