



## Bethel Jean Hejl

January 18, 1924 - April 23, 2012

Bethel Jean Hejl, 88, was received into the hands of God on Monday, April 23, 2012 while surrounded by her loving family.

She was born January 18, 1924 in Coffeyville, Kansas to William R. & Betty M. (Bingham) Taber.

At the age of 18, Jean professed her faith in Jesus Christ as her Savior and Lord and became a member of the Baptist Church.

During World War II, Jean worked for the Cessna Aircraft Company in Wichita, Kansas, making parts for B-29's.

It was through a blind date that she met Edmond Hejl, and they were married on January 1, 1944. Ed was drafted into the Navy during World War II, and ten months after they were married and one week after their first child was born, Ed shipped out for the Pacific and was gone for 14 months. Despite this separation, they were married for over 68 years.

When Ed returned, they lived in Dallas, TX, Wichita, KS, and again in Dallas, and surrounding areas.

Jean very much enjoyed making quilts, crocheting, reading, and listening to

music. Jean loved children and loved to teach them about Jesus. She taught Sunday School for many years, especially in the First Presbyterian church of Lancaster, TX.

During the last 15 years of her life, Jean suffered from Alzheimer's, but Jesus Christ is her Shepherd and Savior, and she looked forward to going to be with Him.

Jean is survived by husband Edmond Hejl; daughters Barbara Jean George & husband Ron, Betty Frances Bearden & husband Don; sister June Scroggins; grandchildren Robert George, James George & wife Amy; great grandchildren Silas & Eli George; step great grandchildren Megan Lacroix, Laura Moore.

# Tribute Wall



“ Betty,  
My heart and prayers are with you during this time of loss. May the Lord give you peace and comfort as only he can do.  
Judy Spangler###imported-begin###Judy Spangler###imported-end##

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April 25, 2012 at 12:08 PM



“ Edmond I am so sorry for your loss, I feel bad we didn't come out to see you and Jean. If I can do anything please let me know. Our thoughts are with you and your family.###imported-begin###Marc & Kathy Tyroch###imported-end##

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April 25, 2012 at 10:48 AM



“ Ed and family,  
Our prayers are with you. Jean was a wonderful lady, and we so much enjoyed her sharing her love and cheerfulness with everyone at Christ Covenant Church.  
Blessings,  
Pastor Joe Keller and family###imported-begin###Joseph Keller and family###imported-end##

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April 24, 2012 at 06:37 PM



“ Betty,  
  
I'm sorry for your loss and I want you to know you & your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin###Debbie K. Henry###imported-end##

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April 24, 2012 at 05:01 PM



“ It was good to see both Mr. and Mrs. Hejl a few years ago when we sang Christmas carols at their house. They were warm and gracious. I remember them well.##imported-begin##Thomas Allen##imported-end##

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April 24, 2012 at 03:12 PM



“ Betty we are so sorry for your loss. We know how hard it is and if there is anything that we can do, you know that we are there for you.##imported-begin##Regina and Keith Cooper##imported-end##

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April 24, 2012 at 12:52 PM



“ Edmond, you and your family are in our prayers. Jean was such a sweet person. I remember as a little girl coming to your house to visit. Always good memories. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Dallas and Linda Neeley##imported-end##

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April 24, 2012 at 11:13 AM



“ *She taught me how to whistle. Not happy melodies tweeted softly while working on a boring task, but lusty taxi hailing belts meant to cheer on a sports team. My Memaw was definitely a taxi hailing kind of lady. She was fun.*

*As her grandchild, my memories of her are colored through the eyes of child. I remember her giving me cookies or buying me a special toy. I remember lots of hugs and kisses. I remember her being horribly afraid of snakes but not understanding why. These are the sort of thing a child remembers.*

*As I grew older, our relationship matured. I remember talking with her about being gracious and respectful of other people. As a surly teenager who didn't want anything from anybody, she told me that sometimes people have a greater need to give than you might need to receive. Even if someone's gift might seem meager, it's still a gift and should be honored as the act of kindness and love that it is.*

*When I became a man of my own, she was always welcoming to my friends and I could always depend on her for a place to visit and rest during my travels. And when I brought my fiance to visit for the first time, she was kind and open and accepting.*

*My family has since moved to Australia. Living in a foreign country has been a blessing for me but because of the distance, Jean wasn't able to get to know her greatgrandchildren. I hope that through me, my sons will get to know this great lady, my Memaw.##imported-begin##James (Jim) George##imported-end##*

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April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM



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