



Beverly Sturch

January 30, 1928 - January 30, 2012

Beverly J. Sturch, 84, of Walnut Ridge died January 30, at NEA Baptist Hospital in Jonesboro. She had lived in Walnut Ridge for 44 years. She was retired and a member of the First United Methodist Church in Walnut Ridge as well as a lifetime member of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, and was currently serving as President of the local chapter. For several years she owned and operated Bev's Dress Shop on Main Street in Walnut Ridge. In addition to that she had worked at Van Atkins Department Store, Grahams Department Store, Skill Corporation and the Walnut Ridge Public Schools.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Nathan L. (Pete) Sturch Jr., her parents, William Thomas and Ruby Catherine (Jones) Smith, and a daughter, Kathleen Suzanne (Sturch) Hesskamp. Also preceding her in death was her grandmother, Luella Smith, who had raised her since an early age.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Jane Callahan and husband Kerry, Walnut Ridge, and Ellen Parrish and husband Steve, El Centro, California; Tom Sturch, Walnut Ridge, and Col. (Ret.) Jim Sturch and wife Suzanne, San Antonio, Texas; 11 grandchildren, Matt Callahan wife Sarah, and Ty Callahan, Walnut Ridge, Kim Sturch, Megan Bower, Brad Sturch all of Colorado, Paige Russell, Jonesboro, Tommie Nicole Sturch, Strawberry, Brandon Sturch of Pocahontas, Emily Vaughn and Steven Vaughn, Texas, Kristin Parrish, Brooke Parrish, and Nate Parrish all of California; and 10 great grandchildren.

Tribute Wall

SF

“ Jim, Ellen, Mary Jane, Tom,

Please accept our deepest sympathy on the loss of your Mother. She was a very kind and hardworking lady. I had the priveledge of working with her for several years at Skil and always had great respect for her as both a person and co-worker. Knowing that I went to school with Jim and worked with Ellen for years, she was always willing to put up with my questions on how the families were doing and all of their achievements. She was very proud of all of you.

Steve & Robyn Engelken - Walnut Ridge, AR - Friend of family - February 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I enjoyed introducing Bev to the world of computers. At first I thought the "mouse" might get the best of her, but she won the control of the mouse. There were times when it appeared she almost knew as much as I did. She was ahead of me with the use of the e-books. I will never forget the hours spent in the Walnut Ridge High School Jump Start Lab where we worked with Senior Adults and during the summer spent time with the younger children.

She was a great friend and late morning Saturday breakfast buddy until she was not able to enjoy the trip.

*Joy Ring
Williams Baptist CollegeW*

Joy Ring - College City, AR - Long time friend - February 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Jim, Ellen, Tom, and Mary Jane,
Your mom was a wonderful lady. She will be missed. I have a lot of
fond memories of her and all the Sturch's.
God Bless,

ME

Michael Ellis - Southlake , TX - Friend - January 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I worked in the personnel department at Skil when she was hired
and worked there, and I still remember her well. My thoughts and
prayers to Ellen and Steve, and your entire family during this difficult
time. Judy

Judy Duncan - Jonesboro, AR - Friend - January 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Mary Jane and family as they go
through this difficult time.

Sandra McGinnis - Black Rock, AR - January 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM