



## Berta Marie Polk

January 17, 1927 - February 14, 2015

Berta Marie Whatley Polk, born January 17, 1927 in Strawn, Texas to parents S.L. and Maude (Funk) Whatley, passed away at age 88 in Waco, Texas February 14, 2015. Berta was known as Mawmaw to her family and friends. Berta was known for her open home and here open heart. She was a Christian and attended the Hico Church of Christ for over 50 years, also serving as a Bible school teacher, and wrote the church news. She was known for her love of her church family. In the early years of raising children, she and Derwood ran a dairy before owning and running Polk Cleaners in Hico. Berta was an Avon sales representative for over 30 years and even after she could no longer drive, her customers would come to her house, continuing a devotion to her customers as they were to her. She was known as a 42 player, for a good cup of coffee and for her ability to whip up a plate of peanut butter fudge in no time flat! She was active in school functions when her children were young like PTA. Berta could easily hold the record for the most sporting events ever attended, even attending sporting events in her wheel chair as her health declined. She never missed a Dallas Mavericks game and Dirk was her all-time favorite. She so deeply loved her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, in-laws were not in-laws, they were family. Everyone was special in her eyes and she made you believe you could do anything, always saw the good in every child and many Hico children shared a meal at her table. Berta loved everything her family did and always had the most encouraging words. She was a joy to so many lives, Proverbs 31:28 "Her

Children will rise up and call her blessed; her husband also praises her.”

Berta is preceded by her parents, husband Derwood Ezra Polk, brothers; Alton Whatley and Dale Whatley. Surviving Berta are seven children; Barry Polk and wife Sandra of Hico, Dennis Polk and wife Linda Sue of Casper, Wyoming, Vickie Solsbery and husband Dennis of Hico, Danny Polk and wife Donice of Hico, Cindy Hennessy and husband Pat of Hico, Sheila Lane and husband Terry of Hico, Dale Polk and wife Julie of Hico. Berta is also survived by fourteen grandchildren; Jody Solsbery and wife Adreinne, Brandon Keller and wife Nikki, Bret Polk and wife Kristy, Kelli Solsbery, Josh Polk and wife Jamie, Jared Keller and wife Chandra, Lynn Hart and husband Brad, Amy Sasser and husband Joa, Dusty Bills and husband Brandon, Justin Lane and wife Danya, Lori Polk, Staci Childs and husband Casey, Cheyenne Frymire and husband Tim, and Drew Polk, numerous extended family members and friends.

In lieu of flowers family request donations are made to the Hico Athletics Booster Club.

# Previous Events

## Family Memorial Gathering

FEB 17. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Hico Church of Christ-Annex  
301 Pecan St  
Hico, TX 76457

# Tribute Wall

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“ Pam & John Waller, Patrick and Scott Allen families purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Berta Marie Polk.



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**Pam & John Waller, Patrick and Scott Allen families -**  
February 17, 2015 at 11:53 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Berta Marie Polk.



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February 16, 2015 at 10:41 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Berta Marie Polk.



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February 15, 2015 at 04:48 PM