



## Billie Wray (Kay) Eakin Strauss

July 28, 1929 - June 27, 2023

Billie Wray (Kay) Eakin Strauss; 93 years, 10 months, 30 days; a long-time resident of Madisonville, TX; passed away on Tuesday; June 27, 2023, in Austin, TX. Graveside services are scheduled for 10AM on Thursday, July 27, 2023 at Madisonville Cemetery in Madisonville, TX. Bro. Warren Hunt will officiate.

Billie was born on July 28, 1929, in Tyler, TX to William Rosamond and Velma Verona (Herring) Kay. Her family moved to Madisonville in 1936 and she gave her life to Christ at the age of 10 at The First Baptist Church in Madisonville. After graduating from Madisonville High School in 1945, Billie attended Baylor University, graduating in 1949, married Bob Eakin on June 6th of that year and they had five children together. Billie was an elementary school teacher in Houston, TX for twenty-four years and was active in church life, serving in the WMU, teaching Sunday School, and serving as president of the ladies' auxiliary in little league baseball.

Billie married her high school sweetheart, Ret. Col. Stephan Strauss in 1988 and they lived in Madisonville until they moved to Sun City in Georgetown, TX in 1996 where they were active members of Crestview Baptist Church being involved in Sunday School, missionary work, and visitations. After Stephan passed away in 2011; Billie remained active – delivering meals-on-wheels, mentoring at the local elementary school, quilting, reading, and playing bridge. Billie is survived by her brother, Dominic Greco (Mesquite); her children, Bobby Ray Eakin of Austin, TX, Marshall Craig Eakin (Michelle) of Nashville,

TN; Blair Eakin (Elaine) of Huntsville, TX, Melissa DeRoach (Scott) of Conroe, TX, and Lindy Eakin (Elizabeth) of Lawrence, KS; her six grandchildren; and her fourteen great grandchildren.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUL **27**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Madisonville Cemetery  
Madisonville, TX 77864