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It is with heavy heart that we announce the passing of our beautiful mother, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt and friend, Alice Geraldine Rhodes.

Geraldine “Granny” went home Saturday the 10th of March at her daughter’s home in Premont, Texas. Our family is honored to have had this wonderful woman in our lives for 88 years. Her caring and generous love will be missed and always cherished.

Geraldine was born in Keota, Oklahoma on June 3, 1929 to Freddie Claborne and Sada Lynn Rhodes. She was preceded in death by her parents, her siblings Lynn Rhodes, Mary Louise Davis, Eldon Rhodes, Marjorie Rhodes, Raymond Rhodes, Curtis Rhodes, Doyle Rhodes, Leslie Rhodes, and her son-in-laws Harlow Kibbe and Mike West.

She is survived by her brother Carl Rhodes, her children Debbie West, Susan Kibbe, Paula Knolle (Dwight) and her son Dean Johnson. Granny is also survived by her grandchildren Clint West (Gina), Sarah Reynolds (Josh), Ross West (Stephanie), Justin Kibbe (Fawn), Hayley Engelking (Grady), Lacy Kibbe, Nicole Coates, Emily Schroeder (Justin), Sebastian Coates, Katy Jordan (Garrett) and Aubrey Moore (Dennis). In addition, she was blessed with 18 great grandchildren Hunter West, Ella West, Emme West, Jentry Harbert, Chesna Harbert, Anna Harbert, Briley West, Conner West, Stanton West, Walker Kibbe, Clayton Kibbe, Wyatt Kibbe, Sada Engelking, Henry Engelking, Layton Tucker, Whitt Schroeder, Gage Jordan and Emry Coates.

Geraldine was a school teacher, who taught for 28 years. She began teaching briefly in Portland, Taft, Flour Bluff, and then spent the duration of her career in Premont, Texas.

A graveside service will be held Monday March 12th, at the Raymondville Cemetery at 10:30 a.m., followed by a life celebration at the Church of Christ located on 750 South 9th

Street (9th & Norman) Raymondville, Texas.

Pall Bearers: Dean Johnson, Justin Kibbe, Walker Kibbe, Clint West, Ross West, Sebastian Coates, Grady Engelking.

Honorary Pall Bearers, her great grandsons: Clayton Kibbe, Wyatt Kibbe, Hunter West, Conner West, Stanton West, Henry Engelking and Layton Tucker.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, Texas 79174.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Duddlesten Funeral Home, 604 W. Hidalgo Ave., Raymondville, Texas 78580.

# Cemetery

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## Raymondville Memorial Park Cemetery

Texas 186 & County Road 315 N.  
Raymondville, TX,

# Events

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**MAR 12** Service 10:30AM

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Texas 186 & County Road 315 N.,  
Raymondville, TX, US

# Comments

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“ Such a sweet lady. The last time I saw her was with Aunt Doris and visiting Marjorie in Blanco. She was there to help. I know she is missed. Hugs to the family.

**Pamela Rhodes** - March 15, 2018 at 10:07 PM

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“ I am deeply saddened by the loss of my Aunt Geraldine. My Aunts and Uncles produced those now joyous childhood memories, running and playing with my cousins, while my Uncles and Aunts spent time cooking eating and talking in the adult world, and table. I have so cherished the thoughts of my Aunts and Uncles, all my life. I remember the first visit to Aunt Geraldine's in Premont Texas more than 50 years ago.

At Dad's passing she shared her earliest childhood memories in a beautiful cursive hand-written letter. In one memory, Curtis was a baby at the time on a pallet at the end of a field row while her, Marjorie and Raymond played. Lynn (10 years old), Freddie, and Sadie plowed in the field nearby. Her childhood story of a Jersey cow she named "Geraldine's Heifer," with a calf that was so cute, and Dad could name the cute calf Curtis' Heifer if he shared some milk. I was so glad to spend time with Geraldine recently at Fripp Island, SC. Love to all.

Craig S. Rhodes

**Craig Rhodes** - March 13, 2018 at 08:02 PM

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“ I'll miss you, Aunt Geraldine. I'll miss our phone calls to discuss so many things including The Voice! It's hard for me to believe I won't hear you on the other end of the phone saying " I'm calling to check on you". You were my rock after things began to change with Mother. You listened to me while I tried to sort things out and offered advice when I needed it. You became another Mother to me, when mine lost most of her memory. You gave of yourself so easily and I have so many wonderful memories that I'll always cherish. Until we meet again, give my Mother a kiss for me. I know you two are catching up on so many things! Our family has gained another guardian angel. Love you..

**Gaye** - March 12, 2018 at 08:45 PM

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“ I will always thank her for the love and support she gave my sister Doris in her final days and weeks, she was always there when needed.

**Robert D Rhodes** - March 12, 2018 at 06:53 PM

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“ Granny was a light in mine and Ross's lives in so many ways; during my journey of growing a personal relationship with our Lord and Savior, she was willing to listen and give godly advice, and she was the one we counted on to help us raise our children. She was a selfless woman who dropped everything for so many; most importantly, she was a faithful Christian. I am so grateful to have had her in my life and blessed by her relationship with each of my children. It saddens me to imagine our world without her but I know she is wrapped in the arms of Jesus now, reunited with all of her loved ones that went before her. I know she is joyful and pain free. Granny, we will miss you.

**Stephanie West** - March 12, 2018 at 11:03 AM

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“ Thank you, Geraldine, for all the years you shared stories with me of my Dad's days growing up. And the stories and information about the whole family from the days growing up in the Valley. I'm already missing our conversations about the genealogy research we both loved and the excitement in your voice when there was a new discovery made, or a new addition to the family. I can't imagine the loss your children and their families are going through.

**Ed Rhodes** - March 11, 2018 at 09:39 PM

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“ Good Morning Merry Sunshine!!!!

**justin kibbe** - March 11, 2018 at 07:37 PM

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“ God blessed us with Granny! The most loving woman I have ever known! Although she's my grandma through marriage, she's been my granny for 23 years. I love you Granny.

**Fawn Kibbe** - March 11, 2018 at 07:36 PM

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“ Granny, I love you with all that my heart can express!. Thank you for the wonderful memories and the loving care you gave me over the many years! Agape love is selfless, sacrificial, unconditional love. It is the highest of the four types of love in the bible. This kind of love defines the love you gave to us, you beautiful and wonderful woman!

Lacy R. Kibbe - March 11, 2018 at 01:27 PM