



Elizabeth Jean Slay

May 26, 1931 - May 11, 2014

Obituary for Elizabeth Jean Gordon Slay Jean Slay, 82, of Pilot Point, passed away Sunday, May 11, 2014 in Pilot Point, TX. Jean was born to Hewitt and Willie Irene "Dear" (Hester) Gordon on May 26, 1931 in Cruger, MS. Jean was a loyal member of Calvary Baptist Church in Pilot Point where she cooked and served many Wednesday night meals and was active in WMU. Her love of cooking was shared throughout the community. Jean was a previous owner of Huff/Slay Funeral Home, the perfect homemaker, an EMT, a volunteer at Shepherd's Storehouse, and dabbled in hanging wallpaper. She is survived by her five children, Lamar and wife Cindy Slay of North Richland Hills, TX, Wayne and wife Linda Slay of Waxahachie, TX, Gene Slay of Nashville, TN, Mary and husband Ronnie Scott of Austin, TX, Terri and wife Cindy Slay of Pilot Point, TX; fourteen grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; two brothers, Henry Gordon, Thomas and wife Barbara Gordon both of Cruger, MS; as well as nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Hewitt Gordon; one sister, Ann Turner. Visitation will be held 6:00PM, Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at Slay Memorial Chapel of Aubrey. A funeral service will follow at 7:00PM with Roger Marsh officiating. Burial will be 10:00AM, Thursday, May 15, 2014 at Pinecrest Cemetery in Tchula, MS. On-line condolences may be shared at www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial in Jean's honor be made to Shepherd's Storehouse, P. O. Box 826, Pilot Point, TX 76258 or to the "Renovation Fund" at Calvary Baptist Church, P. O. Box 484, Pilot Point, TX

76258. The family would like to express their appreciation to Pilot Point Care Center and Gentiva Hospice for their sweet spirits and genuine care. Services are under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center, Aubrey.

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Tribute Wall

MS

“ Good morning, mom! Happy 93rd Birthday! I'm sure if you were still on earth you would be cooking grits with a LOT of butter and fried eggs for breakfast and the roast would be in the oven cooking. You'd turn the roast off and put it on the stove so it will be slightly warm when you get home from church. Green beans cooked with salt pork would already be cooked and sitting in a pot with the lid on them so they will be room temperature and faster to heat up after you get home from church. Rice, cooked with a little vinegar so not to be sticky, would be cooked and you will just rinse it with warm water when you get home from church to warm it up. All that is left is making the gravy. These are some of the best memories I have about our Sundays - your routines and lessons I learned from observing you.



This year has been quite a year. Linan completed her first year at Teas A&M with a 4.0. She's met a guy, Collin Barnett, and truly believes he is the one God has chosen for her. She believed this before he even knew she liked him. Crazy - love at first site? I'm not sure but she is. She is also the youth intern for our church this summer. It's going to be a very fulfilling summer for her.

Micah, Ashley, and Ivy Rose are thriving. Micah still works for KMI and got a promotion and gets to work in an office now. He thought he was being demoted not realizing that most people want to be working inside and not outside. He's still coaching a little league team and they are winning, and he still does private lessons - a lot of private lessons. Ashley has increased her photography business and is one of the best mothers I've ever known. She is so good with Ivy Rose. Ivy Rose turned one and is walking, starting to talk, and learning expressions. Such a fun age, something new all the time. I get to watch quite often since I am working from home now.

I still work for TEA and still do student discipline. I finally survived my wicked manager and got transferred to a new department and new director. It is wonderful. My director is Dr. Lang and she is 72

years old, African American, and 6' tall. She often tells stories of her mother and uses sayings that you used to use like, "John Brown It". We laugh about the sayings all the time and it brings so much happiness to me. I went home with Gene again this year after Thanksgiving. We stopped and saw Aunt Barbara and put flowers on your grave. I wish I lived closer so I could visit your grave more often.

Ron went back teaching part-time. He teaches two days a week and the AISD pays him half his salary from when he retired. It's a coosh job. He doesn't do the DSYSA fields any more. DSYSA changed leadership and just isn't the same.

All my brothers are doing good, from what I can tell. Wayne is pastor of his own church now, 1st Baptist Josephine. Lamar got fired from the church but is busier than ever with all kinds of other churches and is even helping a youth director grow a youth group in Colorado. Gene is in NC still and thriving and trying to get ready to retire. He is so talented and crafty. You would be so proud of him. Terri is still working the funeral home but he is ready to sell it.

Daddy turned 92 in December and still working the Shephard's Store House. He's had heart issues and two major procedures in the last few months. He had his aorta valve replaced with a pig's valve. It's been amazing how much better he is able to breathe. He is 92, and I know he is going to be so excited when he gets to reunite with you some day.

I love and miss you so much. I know I say it often. Every time there is a Cardinal in my window, I know you are saying...keep going Mary Lillian, I am proud of you, and you are doing good. I'm trying, mom. I'm really trying.

Mary Scott - May 26, 2024 at 11:38 AM

MS

“ Hi mom! It isn't your birthday but it is the 10 year anniversary of your flight to Heaven. It's May 11, 2024. You took your last breath May 11, 2014, (Mother's Day) and I was right by your side. I had the strangest feeling inside me. Relieved that you finally quit fighting and let go but so sad I would never get to physically see or talk to you on earth again. I remember being angry at God for making you suffer and taking you away from me. Now I know, I should never be angry with God. I'm glad you aren't having to live in the world today with all the craziness and messed up people in it.

There isn't a day that goes by I don't think about you. I love when you show up in the kitchen window as a Cardinal. Puts a smile on my face every time. I use your dishes every day and your cooking skills almost every day. I was so blessed to have such a strong, talented mother to be my example of being a mother. I promised myself I would learn to play your favorite songs in the hymn book, I've not quite accomplished that, but I am determined.

If a discussion ever arises about death, I am 100% sure I am ready. I've told the kids before I am not afraid to die because I know where I am going and I know I will get to see you again.

Tomorrow is Mother's Day. I often wake up not wanting to participate in the celebration of other people who have their mothers. I often think it isn't fair. However, I know God is celebrating with the mothers in Heaven and it's far better a celebration than any celebration down here on earth.

I love you so much. The memories, the struggles, sickness, family stories I have to tell, and my brothers you blessed me with are all daily reminders of how much you loved me.

*Happy Heavenly Mother's Day!
Mary*

Mary Scott - May 11, 2024 at 12:28 PM

MS

“ Continued...

It makes me so sad that the place I used to get excited about visiting, Cruger, hardly has any one there any more.

Things just aren't the same. I talk to daddy at least once a week. He is doing good for a 91 year old man. Still runs the Storehouse, and still regrets decisions he made in the past. He meets Lamar and Wayne once a month for lunch which I think is awesome. I don't get to go see him often right now due to softball, Linan's schedule, and life. When she gets to A&M, I will have free time on the weekends.

I miss you mom. I think about you daily. I hope you are loving life in Heaven. Linan graduates on your birthday this year, May 26th. I've ordered pink roses to give to her in memory of you at the graduation. Gene is coming down and doing the food for her graduation party. Daddy is actually going to come as well. I can believe that all my brothers and my daddy might just be at my house. The party is June 10th. I wish you were here so you could see everyone and meet your great-granddaughter Ivy Rose.

I love you and miss you.

Mary

Mary Scott - May 11, 2023 at 10:47 PM

MS

“Happy 90th Birthday, Mom! It's May 26th, 2021 and I hope you are celebrating with all the angels in Heaven, Dear, Granddaddy, Aunt Ann, and your brothers. This last year has brought many changes to families all across the world. COVID-19 is still a thing but it's getting better. We are no longer required to wear a mask if we have been vaccinated, unless the establishments require it. I got vaccinated in February/March. I've never been so sick in all my life. I had a bad reaction and was in bed three days the first round, and one day with the second round. Ronnie got vaccinated and had no reactions, as well as Micah and Ashley. It's just now been released that ages 12 - 15 can be vaccinated, so we will get Linan hers after school is out. Micah proposed to Ashley on December 18, 2020. She said, "yes"! They are getting married on January 22, 2022. Ashley said she needed a date she could remember. Micah is director of the after school program, summer program, and Mom's Day Out at Moxie Gym in Dripping. They gave him a raise, providing him a stipend for insurance, and set up a 401K for him. Ashley just took a salary job for Jadelynn Brooke Clothing. It's a salary job with benefits, very exciting even though it has nothing to do with her degree in agriculture from A&M. Isn't life so funny? Linan has had an amazing year. She is #11 or higher in her class of 687 kids. She received Distinguished Scholar recognition for being in the top 5%, starting JV basketball player, starting 2nd baseman on the varsity softball team, 1st Team All District - softball, Academic All District - softball, and Excellence in Chemistry (not sure where that came from). Ron retired last May and spends his days at the DSYS ball fields maintaining them. He also has started going fishing with Randy quite a bit. I'm rounding my 3rd year with TEA as the state discipline program specialist. I enjoy it tremendously, even though I resent retiring and starting a new career while Ronnie retired and is free to go fishing. Ronnie's family is doing well, it hasn't been an easy year for them. Nana was treated for breast cancer, Papaw has had multiple cancerous spots removed, and Randy still has not seen the girls because of his wife's accusations of sexual abuse with Ally. It's all messed up. Randy has basically taken on Linan as his daughter. They wakeboard all the time and are pretty good at it. I still have my

fear of water, just like you. I go for boat rides, but that is about it. I'm so afraid of going under water and not coming back up. Daddy is doing well. He has had to slow down a lot. His heart condition confines him but he is doing well. The storehouse is thriving. I worry about daddy working so hard with it, but it is honestly the one thing that keeps he living. Lamar and Cindy are doing good, as far as I know. Lamar stays busy working at Gateway church. He caught COVID and COVID pneumonia. He's had a very hard time and still isn't 100% healthy from it. Wayne and Linda are still in Waxahachie and loving life. Terri and Cindy and doing great, at least it appears that way. Cindy is actually going to open up a flower shop separate from the funeral home. That is super exciting for her. Gene is retiring and moving to his cabin in the Carolinas. He has done amazing things to the cabin. Courtney is living with him and moving as well. Gene is grandpa now. Brook had a baby boy and named him Rivers Grey Sosas. He's perfect. Well, that is the family scoop. I guess you have met up with Uncle Dady. Aunt Barbara has had a hard time with all of this. I hope to get to go see her soon and put pink carnations on your grave. I love and miss you so much every day.

*Happy 90th Birthday, Mom!
Mary*

Mary Scott - May 26, 2021 at 09:52 AM

MS

“ Good morning, mom! It's May 11, 2020, and it has been 6 years since you went to Heaven. This year has been full of changes, some good and some not so good. First, Micah has a wonderful girlfriend named Ashley Franco. Truly a blessing and you would so much approve of her. He is in a great place. He's working for Moxie Gym, Cane's Baseball Asc., doing private lessons and personal training sessions, and going to daycares doing Sports Fun. They have been dating for 8 months and going strong. Micah has learned how to cook. He makes himself grits, all the time. You'd be so proud. Linan has rocked her first year in high school. She made the basketball team, softball team and has a GPA of 108. I don't really know where her greatness comes from! She and I have started doing daily Bible readings together. It's been extremely blessingful. Ron is teaching his very last year, retiring the end of May. He's going to keep up the fields for DSYSA. I'm excited for him, he's burned out of teaching. I've completed my first year at TEA. I really do like it. Bryce, the man who hired me, has mentored me and ironically, just lost his father to Parkinson's. We have lots in common. I hear more and more people who are losing parents to Parkinson's. It's an evil disease. 2020 brought us the COVID-19 Corona Virus. It's been crazy. The state was in a lockdown and no one was to go anywhere. Schools shut down at spring break and finished the year online. Everyone wears masks on their face when we go out anywhere. It's like the modern-day plague or Polio outbreak. We are all working from home and will be for a while. NBA, UIL, MLB, and all college sports were canceled. I keep up with Aunt Barbara and my Uncles. Uncle Dady has dementia and it's pretty bad, Uncle Brother - the same. I guess you've met up with Uncle Kennon, he passed not too long ago. Dad has had heart issues, wanted to do a quadruple bypass but his body can't handle it, so they put in 2 stents. I was afraid I was going to lose him too. I don't think I am going to get to come to visit your grave for your birthday this year because of COVID-19. It all depends on the restrictions at the end of May. I'm sorry. I have to get back to work. I love you mom and miss you every day. I cannot wait to see you in Heaven. I just told Linan, "I'm not afraid to die anymore because it

only means I get to be with you again. I love you, Mary

Mary Scott - May 11, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MS

“*Mom, you would be 87 today. Im in Victoria, TX today watching your beautiful granddaughter play softball. I wish you were here to watch her, to talk to her and to sit with me while she plays. I miss you daily, hourly, minute by minute. I know you look down and arent pleased at times with me, but I also know you see many things that are very pleasing. Hope you have a happy birthday in Heaven today! I love you!*”

Mary Scott - May 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MS

“*Dear Mom, Today Terri and I turned 48. I missed not being able to call you to tell you to wish me a happy birthday. I think about you daily and often still cry from anger, sadness and grief. I know you are so much better off without that horrible disease. I'm not better off because I miss my mom. Micah has a college opportunity to play at Wayland Baptist and Linan's softball team made it to the World Series! You would be so proud of them. Your babies are another year older, raising kids and successfully fulfilling our career dreams. I love you and I miss you tremendously!*”

Mary Slay - July 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KH

“*Our Mom loved Jean so much and we remember the first time we met the Slay Family when "The Lord" brought them to Calvary Baptist Church. What a Blessing she was to all that knew her. May she walk through the Pearly Gates and Rejoice!!*”

Kathy Hill - May 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Dear Terri, So sorry for the loss of your precious mother, may God Bless her entire family. Bobbie Starr and family

Bobbie Starr - May 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ Our deepest condolences for your loss. Praying for all, Neil & Stevie Patterson

Patterson's - May 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Terri, I am so sorry for the loss of your mother and I send prayers of comfort your way!!

Melinda Wilkins - May 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Dear Mom, It seems like moms are becoming rare recently, or perhaps it's a wonderful sign that you are on your way to travel the universe. I thought of many things to say, but wish to focus on your son Teri... As you begin your new journey how proud you must be and will be to know that the child, son, soul you brought into this world has embraced a purposeful life contributing to others, so selflessly, from the back ground and without seeking a single recognition or credit in literally building people's lives. It is Teri's gift of love for any form of life that you gave us and I wish to thank you for. Everyday I'm reminded of the awesome decision we made to raise our children in Pilot Point, because of the beautiful souls in this small town, and yours. You did well in all of your children...

Anil Bhikhai - May 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Jean was a wonderful example of a Christian wife and mother. She blessed so many lives with her gifts and talents and will be missed. The Slay family continue to be in my thoughts and prayers. *Juanda Keith*

May 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Jean was a lovely, gracious lady. We have many fond memories of her. She blessed our lives very much and will be greatly missed. *Ray and Jan Dane*

May 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Gene and family, all our prayers and thoughts to you during this time. *Kerry and Laura Pope*

Kerry Pope - May 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Terri, Cindy and family, So sorry for the loss of your mother and grandmother. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Love you guys, Vince, Heather, Ruben and Jerry *Texas Service Life Ins Co*

May 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Terri so sorry for the loss of your Mom your family are in our thoughts & Prayers. *Ricky & Judy Grant*

May 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Terry & Cindy, Prayers and sympathy to you and your family in the loss of your mother.

Pat/Ken Whitworth - May 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Lamar, Cindy and family, We are so very sorry for the loss of your Mom. We are praying for God's comfort and peace for you while rejoicing that your Mom is happy, healed and dancing with Jesus. Love, Lyn and Marsha

May 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Mary, Ronnie, Micah, and Linan, So sorry for your loss. Prayers go out to the entire family!

Lynne Smith - May 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Slay Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you! Your mom was such a sweet blessing to us while serving in youth ministry at Calvary, Pilot Point. May God bring comfort and peace to your family. Love, Steve & Cheryl Easterwood

May 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Rev. and Mrs. Gil A. Stricklin

Gil and Ann Stricklin - May 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Dear Wayne & Slay family, We are so sorry for the loss of your mother but we rejoice that you will spend eternity together! Our prayers are with you all. Tommy & Alisha Huff

Alisha Huff - May 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Wayne & family: As you grieve the loss and celebrate the home going of your mother, we are praying for strength, courage and peace for you and your family! God Bless! Jimmy & Linda Roy

May 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM