



## Zella Vanzandt Bailey

December 26, 1940 - April 3, 2026

Zella Faye V. Bailey, 85, of Amarillo, Texas passed away on Friday, April 3, 2026. Zella was born on December 26, 1940 in Rusk County, Texas to the late Ethan and Jennie Vanzandt. She grew up in Laneville, Texas outside Henderson, Texas with eight brothers, Melvin, EJ, Julius, Kennis, Ezelle, Mack, Joe Earl and Larry and six sisters, Pearline, Lovell, Dorothy Nell, Linda Lou, Fannie Mae and Linda Faye. She graduated from Allen High School in 1960 and moved to Amarillo in 1962. She married in 1964 and divorced in 1976. Zella worked as a domestic technician and as a home healthcare aide for the next 21 years. She raised five lovely daughters and was a faithful Christian. Zella was a member of the body of Christ at North Heights Christian Church I Amarillo, Texas. She had a very strong sense of faith which she shared with all those she met and loved. Zella was a grandmother and auntie to many others, who are now extended family and will always be now and forever. She always told us “Don’t go to bed mad!” We worshipped together as a family every Sunday and we brought whomever was willing to come with us. Her influence guided us to have our own relationship with God. Which we shared with our family, friends and so many loved ones. Her memory will live on in our hearts and in our living. Thank you, God for such a blessing bestowed on us. “WE LOVE YOU MOMA!”

She was preceded in death by parents; five brothers, Melvin, Joe Earl, Kennis, Ezell and EJ and five sisters, Dorthy Nell, Pearline, Lovell, Fannie

Mae and Linda Faye and two beloved fur babies, King and Snoop.

Zella is survived by five daughters, Veta L Vanzandt, Tina L Archie, Tonya L Cobbins, Gala K White and Felicia K Bailey; her sister, Linda Lou Lewis of Henderson, Texas; three brothers, Mack C Vanzandt of Amarillo, Texas, Larry Vanzandt of Henderson, Texas and Julius Vanzandt of Palo Alto, California; 15 grandchildren, 13 of Amarillo, Texas and two of Houston, Texas; 26 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild of Houston, Texas and one beloved fur baby, Charlie Bugga Bailey of the home.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Services

APR 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

North Heights Church of Christ  
1810 North Hughes  
Amarillo, TX 79107

# Tribute Wall

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“ Gene Edwards Jascha Edwards purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Zella Vanzandt Bailey.



Gene Edwards Jascha Edwards - April 16 at 12:11 PM

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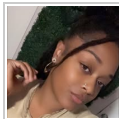
“ My favorite memories of Grandma will always be the times we would go fishing, grocery runs or thrift store shopping. As I grew older we shared our love of Avon perfume and romance books. It still doesn't seem real that you're gone and there's a space in my heart only you could fill and your loss is a pain I'll never get over. I love you so much and hope I'll one day see you again in heaven.

Miceah Bailey - April 15 at 10:05 PM

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Hey Grandma, I'm happy I got to see you & tell you I love you shortly before you left us. You was a REAL grandma regardless of anything. I'm glad I got to kiss your face grandmother. Never be another like you, Faye Bailey, I miss your laugh grandma. I love you always.

Ashley - April 16 at 02:25 AM



You were truly one of a kind! I'll forever hold on to the memories you created with us. Countless sleepovers, great food, the laughter! You've created a legacy Gma! I love you forever and always. Thank you. for all you have done.

Courtney Tropez - April 16 at 10:00 AM

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I Love You Always Aunt Faye Rest in Heavenly Peace 🌹❤️🌹❤️🌹

Hubert English - April 17 at 07:23 AM



*Aunt Faye, you will be missed dearly. I'm grateful for the summers you allowed me to spend with you in Amarillo. The good food and introduction to hog head cheese. The lessons I learned from you. The stories you told so well. The many movies we began watching and would often ended up watching us. I can still see your beautiful smile and hear your laugh which both were contagious. Sending my love to the family (my cousins). Rest peaceful sweetheart!!! 🕊️🕊️*

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**Reshelia Brown** - April 18 at 02:00 AM