



## Mary Nell Ezell

April 24, 1930 - August 10, 2025

Mary Nell Ezell, of Athens, passed away peacefully at her son's residence on Sunday, August 10th, 2025, at the age of 95. Born on April 24th, 1930, in Limestone County, she was the daughter of Sam and Beatrice Holland Tennison.

Throughout her life, Mary was known for her kindness, dedication, and community spirit. Her legacy is one of love and service, as she dedicated her time at the Birdie Thornton Center as a Teacher's Aide. She enjoyed driving a school bus for the Limestone County School System. Her passion extended to her love for Texas A&M football and her joy in exploring yard sales and thrift stores.

Mary's life was marked by her deep love for her family. She leaves behind her children, Steven D. Ezell and his wife Angela, and Grant Ezell. Her legacy continues through her grandchildren—Jason Ezell and his wife Rebecca, Will Ezell, Adam Ezell, and Stephanie Davis and her husband Troy—as well as her great-grandchildren, Stephen Ezell, Landon Ezell, Travis Ezell, and Sonny Williams. Additionally, she is survived by several nieces and nephews who cherished her presence in their lives.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Estill F. Ezell, and her step-father W.W. Weatherford.

To honor Mary's memory, her family has chosen to hold a private graveside service. Her absence will be profoundly felt by all who had the privilege to know her, and her memory will forever be a guiding light to those she has left behind. Mary Nell Ezell was a special lady, loved by many, and her spirit will continue to inspire those who were touched by her warmth and generosity.

# Tribute Wall

SR

“ Sorry, It has been a week for me to know of her passing. She was a heroin to the students she served in the Limestone County School system. Few could measure up to her compassion and dedication. She will always be missed. Steve Romine.  
IN HER MEMORY:

Steve Romine - August 16, 2025 at 08:31 PM



“ I met Mrs. Ezell at uncle Buds she was so kind to me she loved pumping her on gas she will be missed

Kaye Turner - August 14, 2025 at 09:19 PM

SK

“ I a m so sorry to learn of Mary Nell's passing. I enjoyed working with her. She was a sweet lady and I know she'll be missed.  
Sheila Gilbert Knox

Sheila Knox - August 14, 2025 at 08:02 PM

CS

“ We first met Uncle Floyd, Aunt Edith, Estill, and Mary Nell when they lived in Eagle Pass, Texas. My parents, Jimmy and Avis Ezell, and our family would go down there from San Antonio to visit. I am so glad that we had a wonderful visit with Mary Nell out on her back patio the last time we were in Athens two years ago. She and my mother, Avis, were very good friends. What a wonderful, gracious lady who was surrounded by people who loved her and who brought such joy into the lives of her family and friends.

Carolyn Swift - August 14, 2025 at 11:48 AM

BE

“ I first met Mary Nell and Estill in Eagle Pass, Texas in 1959. Our family (Jimmy and Avis, and Boots and Carolyn) had just come back from living in Australia for three years. We were stationed in San Antonio and one of our first trips was going south about 150 miles to see uncle Floyd, Bubba, and Mary Nell and Estill. Mary Nell was one of the sweetest people on the planet. She had a great sense of humor and a beautiful laugh.

Years later, back home in Alabama, I've never forgotten that she was the first person ever to make a wisecrack about my hair getting a little thin on top. I gave her as mean a look as I could come up with, and she instantly said that Estill put her up to it. When I then allowed that “tall people are a pain in the a\_\_.” She gave me that laugh and. Immediately agreed. Estill, who was standing right there, pretended to not know what we talking about.

I think I visited her on every trip I made back to Alabama. Her sense of humor and laugh never seemed to change, but the visits now seem way too few and too far in between.

Boots

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**Boots Ezell** - August 13, 2025 at 07:18 PM

GR

“ Mrs Ezell was always so nice to me when we just young kids getting started in life. I will always remember her smile and her kindness. Sending hugs ☺ and prayers 🙏 to Steve, Grant, and all her family and friends.

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**Gina Rice** - August 12, 2025 at 05:19 PM