



Charlaine Belle Bahm

April 13, 2013

Charlaine Belle (Sears) Bahm passed away peacefully in her home surrounded by her children and grandchildren late last Friday evening (April 12, 2013). She was a loving wife to Ray who she had cared for during his lengthy terminal illness. They were married for thirty-three years until his death in 1988. She was a loving and understanding mother to her four children (Mike, Patti, Debbi, and Sandi). She was very actively involved in the lives of her eleven grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was born on August 27, 1935, in Joplin Missouri, and moved to Houston with her family when she was three years old. She had two sisters (Dortha Jean and Marrienne) and a brother (Howard). Charlaine grew up calling her brother Buddy. All of her Children thought their Uncles name was Bud all their lives. She was the last sibling, all of the others have passed on.

She graduated from San Jacinto High School and met Ray Bahm, the man that became her husband at a dance in Houston. She often said that the thing she loved most about Ray was that he was a great dancer, and how much she loved to dance with him. They were married in Houston and lived there and in Magnolia the rest of their lives.

Her son Mike remembers as a child, he and his sister (the younger two sisters

had not come along yet) being taken to the dance clubs in Houston. At that time it was common to bed the kids down while the parents danced into the night.

Charlaine loved hosting big family dinners for Thanksgiving and giving her Annual Christmas Eve party. She hosted both, until she was no longer able to. She loved having her sister's and brother's family and all of the neighbors from the street they lived on in Spring Branch come over for Christmas Eve. It was a special tradition that her daughters Patti and Debbi carry on to this day.

For a long time in the early 70's Charlaine's sisters lived on the same street in Spring Branch. On weekends they would come to Charlaine's house and sit and visit . When Mike was in High School, he remembers coming home late at night and finding Mom, and her sisters Dortha Jean, and Marrienne sitting on the couch crocheting while Charlaine was making latch hook rugs. Before Patti's and Debbi's weddings, Charlaine and her sisters spent a lot of time testing wedding punch recipes, they wanted the punch to be perfect. At least that was what they said that they were doing.

If her children asked her who she loved the best, she always said she loved all of her children equally. She just wanted them to all get along. But Charlaine was the youngest of four children and always had a special place in her heart for her youngest daughter Sandi and her children. A little over four years ago Charlaine had a stroke that severely limited her ability to take care of herself. I know that she was very appreciative of the care that she received from Sandi, Sandi's husband Arnold and her two children. They were her primary caregivers.

Everyone that knew her, but especially her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren will miss her, but will be comforted to know that she is in a better place dancing with Ray.

The Addison Family and staff at Magnolia Funeral Home extend their condolences to Charlaine's family.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Sandy St.Romain lit a candle in memory of
Charlaine Belle Bahm*



Sandy St.Romain - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Sorry about your loss , she will be missed.*

Hattie & Buddy Ewart - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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memory of Charlaine Belle Bahm*



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