

Obituary

Heaven gained a beautiful angel on January 3, 2026 as Claudell Overton Torrence was welcomed home. Claudell was born in Waco, on August 31, 1925 to Louis Edwin Overton and Ludie Jaynes Overton. She attended Waco schools and graduated from Waco High School in 1942. As part of the 'Greatest Generation', she wanted to serve her country so she became radiology technician at Connally AFB. During that time, she went on a blind date with Clifton Sheppard Torrence, the love of her life. On February 9, 1946, they eloped and enjoyed 62 wonderful years.

Cliff traveled with his job and he took his family with him until they settled in San Angelo. Claudell resumed her career as a radiology tech at Shannon Hospital. When the state began requiring technicians to be licensed, she took the exam and was one of the oldest women to pass the test on the first try. She was very proud of this accomplishment. They remained in Angelo until their children both graduated from San Angelo Central High School and Angelo State University.

Cliff's final position led them to Plano where they retired. This gave them the opportunity to stay near their family and make wonderful memories.

Claudell was preceded in death by her husband, Cliff, her parents, her sister, Pat Mason, brother-in-law Warren Mason, and niece Lynn Mason. She is survived by her daughter Cathy Feist (James), her son Craig Torrence (Rosie), grandchildren Laurie Shipman (Michael), Valarie Jackson (Mark), Cliff Torrence, Drew Torrence (Heather), her great-grandchildren Cody Shipman (Amira), Ben Jackson (Lyxi), Dylan Shipman (Delaney), Tori Jackson, Jett Torrence, Sheppard Torrence and Leah Torrence, and her Nephew Stan Mason (Kathi) along with several great nieces and nephews.



In Memory Of
Claudell Overton Torrence
August 31, 1925 ~ January 3, 2026

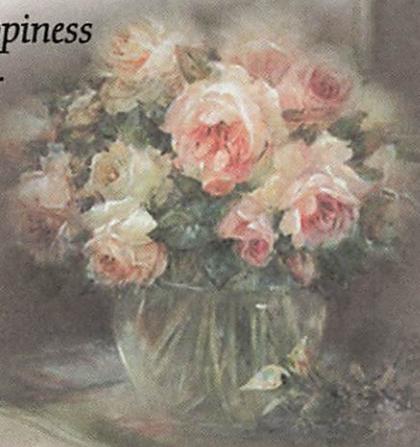


He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. - Revelation 21:4 NIV

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. - John 3:16



Our family is like a patchwork quilt
With kindness gently sewn
Each piece is an original
With beauty all its own
With threads of warmth and happiness
It is tightly stitched together
To last with love
Throughout the year
Our family is forever



Claudell Overton Torrence

Celebration of Life

11:30 AM, Friday, January 9, 2026

Waco, Memorial Funeral Home

Waco, Texas

Officiating

Dr. Cary Killough

Musicians

Rosie Alexander - Pianist

Laurie Shipman - Song Leader

Casket Bearers

Cliff Torrence
Michael Shipman
Cody Shipman

Drew Torrence
Mark Jackson
Ben Jackson

Dylan Shipman

Interment

Waco Memorial Park

Food and Fellowship will follow services