

Jewel Baldwin Gignilliat, 87, of Longview, Texas, and Lake Burton, died Thursday, May 3, 2007, after a brief battle with cancer.

She was born Feb. 3, 1920, in Capps, Texas, to Charles Robert and Alma Speaker Ward Lindsey. She was raised in Abilene and graduated from Abilene High School in 1936. She attended Hardin-Simmons University and majored in graphic arts. She was the first drum majorette of the newly formed all-girl Cowgirl band at Hardin-Simmons. She married Marion C.L. Baldwin of Rock Hill, S.C., in 1943. He was injured during World War II and retired from the Army. She became a buyer for Evert's Jewelry. They moved to Longview in 1961 and she became an active volunteer with the Federation of Women's Clubs, the Longview Women's Forum, City Council PTA and the Gregg County Medical Auxiliary. She was a longtime board member with the Longview Community Theater. She was a member of the Camellia Garden Club and Heritage Bible Study. She also was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church.

After her husband died in 1977, she earned her real estate license and joined her daughter in opening Baldwin Lewis Interiors in 1981. She married William Warren Gignilliat in 1982. She traveled throughout the United States, Mexico, Canada and Caribbean with Marion Baldwin and throughout the world with Bill Gignilliat. However, no place pleased her more than her summers and falls spent in the mountains at Lake Burton.

She was preceded in death by: her first husband, Marion Baldwin; two brothers, Harold Ward and Charles Lindsey Jr.; a sister, Mary Frances Lindsey; a sister-in-law, Joyce Lindsey; and two brothers-in-law, Burrell Elliff and John Gignilliat.

Survivors include: her husband, William W. Gignilliat; two daughters and a son-in-law, Marilyn and Mike Lewis and Elise Gignilliat McClure, all of Longview; a son, Tom Gignilliat of Longview; three grandchildren, Michael Baldwin Lewis of New York City, Jordan Frances Lewis of Tuscaloosa, Ala., and Joanna Elise Frula of Longview; a sister, Gypsie Jane Elliff of Abilene; two nieces; special friends.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Trinity Episcopal Church with the Revs. Carol Petty, Kevin Wittmayer and Michael C. Macey officiating. Memorials can be made to Trinity Episcopal Church Endowment Fund for the Jewel Gignilliat Vacation Bible School Fund, 906 Padon St., Longview, TX 75601; or to Heartsway Hospice, 1306 Pine Tree Road, Longview, TX 75604.

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