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## Bettye Frances Bragg Wagstaff

AAFA #0074

Founding Member

October 10, 1928 - August 26, 2012

### Obituary



Bettye Frances Wagstaff, 83, of Bronson, Texas passed away peacefully Sunday morning in the Lufkin Memorial Hospital, Lufkin, TX. Bettye was born in Sabinetown, Texas, to Mack Register and Annie Pearl Barlow Bragg.

She graduated from Bronson High School in 1945 at age 16 and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Stephen F. Austin State University. She met Robert Harland Wagstaff in Nacogdoches and they were married on August 23, 1946. She, and her husband of 63 years, were employed by West Sabine ISD for most of their careers and established the Jon Wagstaff Memorial Scholarship for West Sabine graduates.

Bettye was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her son Jon Robert Wagstaff, and her sisters Pat Wright and Jackie Drawhorn.

She is survived by her daughter Lou Ann Wagstaff of Whitehouse, Texas; granddaughter Cory and husband Rob Blackmon of Brownsboro, Texas; great grandchildren Caylor, Brock and Tyler Blackmon; a brother-in-law W.E. Wright of Port Neches, Texas; a sister-in-law, Onita Hanna of Jacksonville, Texas; and a number of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Bettye loved spending time with her family, especially the great grandchildren. She enjoyed genealogy, flower gardening, being with friends, hearing from former students, reading a good book and taking an occasional road trip. She was "young at heart" and her wit and wisdom will be greatly missed by those who loved her.

Visitation will be from 6:00PM until 8:00PM, Tuesday, August 28, 2012, in the Starr Funeral Home, 510 Starr St., Hemphill, TX. Funeral services will be at 10:00AM, Wednesday, August 29, 2012, in the Starr Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in the Oaklawn Memorial Park, Center, Texas.

Memorial contributions made to the Jon Wagstaff Memorial Scholarship fund at First Bank and Trust of East Texas, Pineland, Texas 75968, would be greatly appreciated by the family.

Information and photo copied from the [Starr Funeral Home](#), Hemphill, TX, web page.

## **Personal Data**

Birth: 10 Oct 1928  
Sabinetown, Sabine County, Texas, USA  
Death: 26 Aug 2012 (aged 83)  
Lufkin, Angelina County, Texas, USA  
Burial: Oaklawn Memorial Park  
Center, Shelby County, Texas, USA  
Memorial ID: 96058271



Photo added by: [Judy Murphy](#) on 2 Dec 2013  
Permission granted by the photographer.

## Family Members

- Parents  
Mack Register Bragg, 1907–1980  
Annie Pearl Barlow, 1909–1977
- Spouse  
Robert Harlon Wagstaff, 1920–2008, (m. 1946)
- Siblings  
Mack Eloise Bragg Wright, 1933–2004  
Shirley Jade Bragg Drawhorn, 1935–2000
- Children  
Jon Robert Wagstaff, 1964–1983  
Lou Ann Wagstaff

June 2002



Bettye and Robert Wagstaff

Information copied from the [Find-A-Grave](#) and [Ancestry](#) web pages.

## AAFA Notes:

1. Bettye's grandmother's lineage: Frances Harriet 1873 LA<sup>1</sup>, Needham Bryant 1826 LA<sup>2</sup>, Needham Judge 1789 NC<sup>3</sup>, Jacob 1761 NC<sup>4</sup>, Julius 1717 VA<sup>5</sup>, James 1687 VA<sup>6</sup>, John 1645 VA<sup>7</sup>.
2. Bettye was proclaimed a Distinguished Member in 1999 for her significant additions of Texas books mentioning Alford's to the Master Book List.

## Miscellaneous Data




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### 1993 Meeting In St. Francisville A Success!

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- (C) Ella Langdon Alford  
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AAFA MO Representative
- (R) Bettye Wagstaff  
Bronson, TX
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