



Coralee Vogelmann Refsell

October 7, 1927 - October 12, 2007

Coralee was born October 7, 1927 in Burnett, TX, to Cora and Lee Vogelmann. She grew up in San Marcos, TX and went to college at South West Texas University where she met 2nd Lieutenant Morris Refsell and received a BA in Library Science. Morris went overseas and Coralee went to school in Mexico and when Morris returned, they were married in San Marcos on August 27, 1945. They traveled to British Guiana, the Azores and many other destinations before returning to Austin to work and attend school at The University of Texas at Austin. Coralee went to school and worked in the Stacks as a librarian while Morris taught and worked on his PhD. It was there that they started their family with two beautiful girls, Nancilee and Virginia. Soon afterwards, Morris took a job at SHSU in the History Department where they continued their family with two more girls, Ivanell and Dottie. They made many friends and created many wonderful memories in Huntsville over the next 52 years. Coralee was active in Girl Scouts while her children were young and returned to work as they were leaving the nest. She worked for many years at the Voter Registration Office and helped in collecting Census Data throughout the county. Coralee loved God and to be involved in First United Methodist Church, Builders Sunday School Class and the Faculty Wives Club and Delta Zeta Sorority at SHSU. Her children have given her 10 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. She is survived by her devoted husband of 62 years, Dr. Oliver Morris Refsell, daughter Ivanell George and husband Jeff, daughter Dottie Arnold and husband Eddy, granddaughters

Elisha Smith George and husband Russell, Amber Smith Dallmeyer and husband Mark, Kelsey George and Jennifer Rhodes. Grandsons Joshua Smith, Eddy Kyle Arnold, Nathaniel Arnold, Sam Arnold, Cameron Arnold and Christopher George. Great grandson Brendin George, and great granddaughters Hannah George and Avery Dallmeyer. Coralee was preceded in death by her two daughters Virginia Smith and Nancilee Rhodes. Coralee will be missed by her family and friends for her kind heart, ready smile, helping hand and unwavering love. Services will be held Friday, October 12, 2007 at 3:00pm at the Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home chapel with interment to follow in the Mayes addition of Oakwood Cemetery. The family will receive friends and loved ones Thursday from 4:00 – 7:00pm at the funeral home. Memorial condolences may be made online at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Coralee Vogelman Refsell*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Dr. Refsell, Ivanelle, and Dottie, I was so sorry to hear about your loss of Coralee. We was a dear friend to both me and my Mom. We both loved her dearly. Dottie, I remember you from my child development class at Sam Houston, you were one of the sweetest little girls in the day care. I'll never forget that there were two little boys that had a cursh on you and they both had to hold your hands at lunch every day. Which made it difficult for you to eat. I wrote my report about you and was very proud of my A. Dr. Refsell, I enjoyed having you for my History professor, I really learned a lot from you. I still have some crochet Easter treasures that Nancilee crocheted for my two boys when they were little. Ivanelle, I also have fond memories of you too. I guess my happiest times with Coralee was when we sold Avon together for about 20 years for me. I will really miss her and her reports on her kids, grandkids and greatgrandkids in my Christmas card from her each year. I lost my Mom in 1996 but I feel her presence with me every day and I feel that Coralee will be with each of you too. My love and prayers will be with each of you.
May God
Bless and Keep you Strong, Sandy Risinger*

Sandy Graves Risinger - October 20, 2007 at 11:34 PM

HP

“ Dottie, I am very sorry to hear of your loss. I know how hard it is to lose your mom. I know there is nothing that I can tell you to make you feel better but just know that she is with you all the time. My mom has been gone for several years now... i am still sad but I do feel her in everything I do.... every decision I make and especially during experiencing the joys and milestones in my life. I pray for you and your family. Holly

Holly Pichette - October 20, 2007 at 11:01 PM

SF

“ Dear Morris, Ivanelle and Dottie,

Please know how much I want to be there with you all to help share your loss.

Coralee was so kind to me, always patient and sweet. I have so many good memories of growing up around her and your family which I will always cherish.

She was a true friend to my Mom...for 48 years.

I am a better person for having known her.

I pray that the Lord will comfort you and your families.

Steve Beavers & Family - October 12, 2007 at 07:25 PM

RA

“ We are truly saddened to hear about the loss of Coralee. We wish we could be there with you during this difficult time. Please know we are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers here in Melbourne.

Rich and Lisa (George) Anderson - October 11, 2007 at 06:17 PM

JB

“ To Coralee's Family,
Coralee was such a wonderful person and her heart carried through in her children! She was soooo proud of her family and you could tell that she loved each one dearly. I worked indirectly with Coralee & I bowled many years with Nancilee. They were both such a pleasure to know and I know they are happy to be re-united again. Coralee will be dearly missed!
Jamie Brinegar & Family

Jamie Ellisor Brinegar - October 11, 2007 at 09:55 AM

BM

“ Dr. Refsell,
You don't know me personally, but I had the pleasure of working with Coralee at the courthouse when I was Tax Assessor-Collector. She was both a gracious lady and a very respected employee. She was both dependable and very efficient in her job in Voter Registration. I am saddened for your loss, as well as all of ours. My memories of her will be with me forever. I am sorry I will be unable to attend the services, but my mind and my heart will be there. God bless you and all your family.
Bob Massey

Bob Massey - October 11, 2007 at 09:53 AM

PR

“ Ivanelle: I am sorry for your loss. I have found memories of your mom from girl scouts and sleepovers. You and your family are in my prayers.

Peggy

Peggy Carrera de la Rosa - October 10, 2007 at 02:00 PM

NJ

“ Dr. Refsell, I do not know whether you remember me or not. You were one of my better teachers while at SHSU. Then, when I became the SHSU Alumni Director at SAM (1977 - 1992), I treasured the times I got to visit with you and Mrs. Refsell. She was a jewel and I know you will miss her. My prayers are with you and your family. Norma Dell Jones of Lovelady, TX.

Norma Dell Jones - October 10, 2007 at 01:54 PM

BT

“ Dottie, Eddy, boys and family,

We are very sorry to hear about your loss. We will keep you in our prayers and if there is anything we can do , please let us know. Dottie your mom seems to have lived a rich and rewarding life. She raised a wonderful daughter, we know she was proud of you. Please let us know if you need anything.

Bryan, Traci and Kids

Bryan and Traci Talley - October 10, 2007 at 11:16 AM

KS

“ Dear Morris, Ivanelle and Dottie,

It sadden me to hear the loss of Coralee. I often think about all the memories growing up next door. After Daddy died, Coralee would come over to visit Mama and keep her company. Now, the three of them can visit all the time. May God give you the strength and comfort during this difficult time. With Deepest Sympathy, Kim

Kim Corley Sutton - October 09, 2007 at 05:41 PM