



D'Anne Crews

November 1, 1934 - January 14, 2019

D'Anne McAdams Crews, a Huntsville, Texas native, passed away on January 14, 2019. She was 84. She was the daughter of the late W.D. and Annette Turner McAdams.

D'Anne was an honor graduate of both Huntsville High School and Southern Methodist University in Dallas, where she was awarded her Bachelor's degree with a major in Business Education.

She continued her education at Sam Houston State University where she earned her Master's Degree. She was active in the Sam Houston State University Alumni Association, and was elected its first female president in 1975.

D'Anne was the general bookkeeper for McAdams Company Dry Goods stores in East Texas, operating under the umbrella of W. D. McAdams Co. from the early 1960's until the time those stores were sold in 1978.

A longtime historian and genealogist, Mrs. Crews spent many years in various lineage societies, assuming various leadership positions, and culminating in her role as National President of the National Society Daughters of the American Colonists, from 1988-1991.

Her love of history and family was evidenced her by her writing of Huntsville and Walker County, Texas: A Bicentennial History, which was awarded the outstanding local history of the bicentennial by the Texas Historical Commission in 1977. Her love of history and Huntsville never wavered throughout her life, as she continued to serve the city in various capacities. Her most recent area of unselfish service was as Chairman of the Oakwood Cemetery Board, responsible for overseeing the historic icon in the heart of Huntsville.

Mrs. Crews was preceded in death by her husband, James Edward "Bo" Crews, Jr. She is survived by her two daughters, Kay Allison and Kelly Anne Crews, and her sister, Kay Mc Adams Barrett.

Services will be held at the Sam Houston Funeral Home on Thursday, January 24, 2019, at 11:00am. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Sam Houston Memorial Museum Endowment in memory of D'Anne Crews. Such donations may be sent to the SHSU University Advancement office, Box 2537, Huntsville, Texas 77341.

Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

Huntsville, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 23. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
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Tribute Wall



“ *D'Anne Crews*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Sherry Carter lit a candle in memory of D'Anne Crews*



Sherry Carter - February 16, 2019 at 02:40 AM

BA

“ *y dear D'Anne-- So sad to hear of your passing. We were friends in high school but better friends after-- you were in my wedding and my husband and I attended yours--- lots memories. So proud of your accomplishments and your family. Prayers for you and your family!! Barbara Kellogg Ryder*

BarbaraRyder - February 02, 2019 at 05:36 PM

TC

“ *Texas State Society- Daughters of The American Colonists purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of D'Anne Crews.*



Texas State Society- Daughters of The American Colonists -
January 23, 2019 at 10:34 AM

DR

“ Kay, the State Board of Education and staff send you our deepest sympathies. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Debbie Ratcliffe - January 23, 2019 at 09:21 AM

BG

“ I worked with D'Anne when we were forming a DAC chapter in Las Cruces, NM Since that time we have kept in touch, even only at Christmas time, we knew each other quite well. I will miss her also, but know she has nothing but joy each day. She was a great lady.
Blanche Goldsmith

blanche goldsmith - January 22, 2019 at 04:46 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of D'Anne Crews.



January 22, 2019 at 11:21 AM

MS

“ Dear Kay, I am so sorry to hear about D'Anne. She was such a kind and loyal friend to Virginia Irvin. D'Anne went to Waterwood with us for Thanksgiving dinner several times. We always enjoyed her company. May God comfort you in your loss.

With love and prayers,
Montie Belle Shelton

Montie Shelton - January 20, 2019 at 07:47 PM

PS

“ I'm so sad to hear of my friend's passing. Our friendship began when we were in Elementary school and continued until now. She was a dynamic woman and I'm so proud to have called her my friend. My sympathy and love to her family.
Patsy Todd Silva



Patsy T Silva - January 20, 2019 at 11:07 AM

JD

“ Jimmy M Jones, DMS lit a candle in memory of D'Anne Crews



Jimmy M Jones, DMS - January 19, 2019 at 05:54 PM

AL

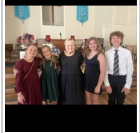
“ Kay,
The Alabama Society of the National Society Daughters of the American Colonists sends their deepest sympathy to your family on the death of your mother. The dedication of your family to the NSDAC will always be remembered.
I have visited the Oakwood Cemetery in Huntsville, TX to see the grave of Sam Houston. My grandfather, Henry Clinton Lea, of Marion, AL was the brother of Margaret Lea Houston, Sam Houston's wife. It is the Lea/George Reade line that I used to get into NSDAC. The Alabama Society appreciates your mother's dedication to preserving the history of our United States of America.
In DAC love,
Alice Stallworth Lancaster
Regent, Alabama Society Daughters of the American Colonists

Alice S. Lancaster - January 19, 2019 at 04:19 PM

DS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers to the family. Ms. D'Anne was truly a great lady and supporter of our community. May God give you strength and comfort in the days ahead.*

Donna & Dale Story - January 19, 2019 at 11:07 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Wonderful lady.*



Mellicent Wiley - January 19, 2019 at 09:23 AM

JJ

“ *I am so very sorry for the loss of D'Anne. A very sweet lady who had a big heart. My prayers are with the family during this difficult time?*

Jeanine Jacoby - January 19, 2019 at 09:02 AM

MH

“ *M. Hyvl lit a candle in memory of D'Anne Crews*



M. Hyvl - January 19, 2019 at 12:24 AM

NA

“ Kay and Kelly, my deepest sympathies to you both with the passing of your Mother. D’Anne and I had some wonderful times together. Rooming together in DC was so fun, staying up until all hours of the night and laughing the whole time! She was so smart and she was a wonderful leader for DAC. We will all miss her terribly.
Love, Nita

Nita Augustus - January 18, 2019 at 09:53 PM

DP

“ David Peden lit a candle in memory of D’Anne Crews



David Peden - January 18, 2019 at 09:14 PM

KL

“ Mrs. Crews was one of a kind, and an integral part of my young adulthood. I am thankful to have had her in my life over the past 18 years, and I will always cherish my memories with her. I am praying for the family always.

Kasey Little - January 18, 2019 at 06:34 PM

EM

“ D’Anne was amazing in her knowledge of DAC. I truly admired her. We also shared an interest in the history of Jesse James, the outlaw following the Civil War. She was super to exchange correspondence as she shared her thoughts, and was interested in yours.
Estella Morrison, HSR of Missouri

Estella Morrison - January 18, 2019 at 06:30 PM

KC

“ A friend asked about the picture. This was Mom's photo when she was President of the National Society Daughters of the American Colonists. It is the only formal photo she had done that Kelly or I were aware of, and represented one of the signature accomplishments of her life. The sash is in the organization's colors of "colonial blue and gold" and the National President's Pin held 13 diamonds representing the thirteen original colonies. -- Kay

Kay Crews - January 18, 2019 at 06:24 PM

MF

Beautiful lady. My prayers for both of you and your family.

Mary Jane Forsythe - January 18, 2019 at 07:52 PM

PK

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Crews family, your Mother was a special person and she will be missed 🙏🙏🙏

peggy Kroesche - January 19, 2019 at 02:59 AM