



## Dolores Donovan

January 22, 1937 - June 14, 2006

Dolores Dickey Donovan, 69, went home to be with the Lord on June 9, 2006. She was born on January 22, 1937 in Houston Texas. A lifelong resident of Huntsville, she graduated from Huntsville High School in 1954. During her business career she worked for several local establishments as a bookkeeper, retiring in November 2005 from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Commissary and Trust Fund. Dolores was a woman with deep faith and love for her Lord. A member of Cook Springs Baptist Church, she served as the church treasurer and as a Sunday school teacher. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother who deeply loved and cared for her family. As a lung cancer survivor, Dolores was an inspiration and gave encouragement to those in need. Dolores profoundly touched so many lives by her kind words, her cards of encouragement, her little jokes in her soft voice and her strong faith. She will be sorely missed by all who were blessed enough to have known her. Dolores was preceded in death by her father, Travis Lee Dickey and her mother, Jesse Margaret Heaton Dickey. She is survived by her loving husband and soul mate, Ralph Donovan, Sr.; stepmother Viola Dickey; son Eddie Sheffield and wife Deborah; daughter Shana Cross and husband Bill; daughter Sheila Gaskins and husband Gene; daughter Becky Dunlap and husband Randy; stepdaughter Donna Crocker; stepdaughter Susan Short and husband Jim; stepdaughter Kathy Chisum and husband Henry; stepdaughter Julia Woods; stepson Ralph, Jr. and wife Tammy; stepdaughter Brenda James and husband Mike; stepson Patrick Donovan and wife Nicki; 22 grandchildren;

4 great-grandchildren; and numerous other relatives including a special aunt, Marjorie Heaton, and many cousins. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2006 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. A celebration of her life will be held on Wednesday, June 14, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at Cook Springs Baptist Church, under the direction of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, with Robert Nichols and Joe Saffle officiating. Interment will follow at McAdams Cemetery. Pallbearers are Lary Crocker, Don Heinsohn, Eric Johnston, Larry Molitor, James Ray Necker, Larry Pynes, and Allen Sylvester. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cook Springs Building Fund, 1936-A SH 75N, Huntsville, Texas 77320. Memorial condolences may be made to the family online at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dolores Donovan*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Eddie, Sheila, Shana and Becky - I am so sorry for your loss. Mama D was a wonderful lady and she will be missed by all who knew her I know. My thoughts and prayers are with you guys.*

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**Cora Pendergrass** - June 14, 2006 at 12:35 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers our with you and your family. May God place His comforting arms around your shoulders during this difficult time.*

*With Love, The Rodney J. Turner Family.*

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**Rodney & Evelyn Turner** - June 14, 2006 at 09:52 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. She was a dear lady who loved life and her family. To my Uncle, cherish the time you had with her, these were the golden years.*

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**Christa Ashworth-Perkins** - June 14, 2006 at 09:13 AM



“ *We are thinking of you and your family at this time. May The Lord shine his face down upon you and help you find comfort and peace knowing that she is in a better place and you will meet again.*

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**Mike & Dana Collins** - June 13, 2006 at 07:50 PM

AG

“ *Becky - I am so sorry for your loss. I know how hard it is to lose a parent and I will be thinking of you and praying for you and your family. I always loved your mom - even though it has been years since I've seen her.*

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**Angie Goines** - June 13, 2006 at 07:46 PM

CW

“ *Ralph, Eddie, Becky and family:*

*We are so sorry for the loss of such a fine lady. In this difficult time take comfort in the many wonderful memories that celebrate Mrs. Dolores' life. Mrs. Dolores was the type of lady who could light up a room with her beaming smile and cheerful spirit. You could always count on being lifted up by her positive attitude, funny jokes and thoughtful words of wisdom. Those moments will be forever cherished. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Cassie and Danny Wilson*

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**Cassie Wilson** - June 13, 2006 at 04:37 PM

PP

“ *Becky, Shana, Sheila and Eddie: I'm so sorry for the loss of your mother. I know how close each of you were too her. I'll shall keep you in my prayers in the days to come. Know that she is in a better place, laughing and healthy but keeping an eye on you all. You will always have an angel on your shoulder.*

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**Paula Pemberton** - June 13, 2006 at 04:17 PM

MN

“ *Becky, Shanna, Sheila, and Eddie,*

*We are all thinking of you and your family during this time of loss. Your mom was a special part of our family and will be dearly missed.*

*Margie and Jeff Novak*

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**Margie and Jeff Novak** - June 12, 2006 at 08:25 PM

RM

“ *Becky, Shanna, Shelia, and Eddie,*

*YOUR MOTHER WAS A SPECAIL LADY. I REALLY ADMIRED HER AND SHE WAS A REAL CHRISTAIN LADY. SHE IS IN A MUCH BETTER PLACE THAN THIS OLD WORLD RALPH YOU HAVE MY PRAHERS AND THOUGHTS . GOD WILL CARRY ALL OF YOU THROUGH THIS TRAGICE TIME ON THIS EARTH. WE WILL SEE HER AGAIN AND SHE WILL NOT BE STRUGGLING TO BREATHE. SHE WILL BE SMILLING AND PRAISING GOD GOD BLESS AND BE WITH EACH OF YOU . MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU  
RUTH*

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**Ruth Martin** - June 12, 2006 at 07:49 PM

AN

“ It was comforting to be able to visit with Lil Becky, Sheila, Shanna, Eddie, Ralph and spouses. We will miss Dolores's frequent phone calls and her whispering voice. She uplifted others and was always looking on the bright side of life. When the Lord calls our loved ones home, he leaves a gift of memories in exchange. Dolores was a special part of our family and will be missed by all who knew her. God Bless you during this sorrowful time.

*Aunt Connie and Uncle Net*

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**Aunt Connie and Uncle Net** - June 12, 2006 at 07:47 PM

DT

“ Delores will be greatly missed! I first met her when I went to work at the Commissary Warehouse. She was just so friendly & so welcoming. She had the most beautiful smile & a great sense of humor. She was a such an inspiration to us all! My thoughts and prayer are with her and her loved ones!

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**DiAnn Trcalek** - June 12, 2006 at 03:08 PM

BW

“ We are sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. She was a very special lady.

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**Bob, Mellicent, Bobby II, Heather, Heath & Justin Wiley** - June 12, 2006 at 02:14 PM

AS

“ My memories of Delores was of a woman that had a wonderful glowing sense of humor with an optimist attitude that will live on in her children and grandchildren. Delores had a gift of finding the "good" in people and fought a courageous life battle. Delores was admired and respected through all those years in Huntsville as someone who was a loyal family member, employee, and friend. Her work ethic and her strength to fight her illness and still live each day to its most is an example for all to follow.

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**Aunt Sue** - June 12, 2006 at 02:08 PM

SN

“ Lil Becky, Eddie, Shanna & Sheila, We are so sorry for the loss of your mother. She was a wonderful lady and loved her children. She will be missed by many. Our prayers are with you all and your families. With our love, Sandra, Darrell & kids

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**Sandra & Darrell Neal** - June 12, 2006 at 10:36 AM

SS

“ Becky, Shana, Sheila, and Eddie: WE are very sorry for your loss at this time. You and your families will be in our thoughts and prayers during the days and weeks ahead. Your mom was dear to many people and will be missed by all that knew her.  
Fondly, Scott and Rhonda Stafford

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**Scott and Rhonda Stafford** - June 12, 2006 at 10:13 AM

FW

“ *Becky, Shanna, Sheila, and Eddie: I know this is a very difficult time for all of you. I'm sure your mother is very grateful that you are all so close and have each other to lean on for comfort and support. We recently lost both of Foy's parents and I thank God everyday that he (and I) have his sisters to talk to. So one understands your pain and how you feel better than your brother and sisters. Your mother was a very special person and will be missed by everyone who knew her. Our prayers are with you and your families. Love, Foy & Connie Sue Wagner*

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**Foy & Connie Wagner** - June 12, 2006 at 09:59 AM

SS

“ *Sheila, Shanna, Eddie and Becky  
My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Your Mom was a special lady and I have many fond memories of her.*

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**Susan "Losack" Schumacher** - June 12, 2006 at 08:58 AM

PK

“ *Ralph, we have lost a very beautiful lady, she has been a good friend to me for so many years. Shanna, Becky and the other children will miss a very precious mother, but you have to think what a better place she is in. God Bless and may the Lord hold you all in his arms.*

*Love - Peggy and Milton Kroesche*

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**PEGGY KROESCHE** - June 11, 2006 at 04:36 PM

BE

“ Dolores was as beautiful on the inside as on the surface. She portrayed her faith by her everyday life. She gave me a very precious gift on my 30th birthday and Bubba and I were so proud when she gave her daughter my name. What a treasure both Dolores and ""Lil Becky"" have been. Words cannot describe the sorrow and pain we feel for her 4 children. I know that someday they realize that she is certainly in a better place. Over the years Dolores suffered so much pain - now she no longer hurts. A few days prior to her relaxing trip she called to tell me that she was so happy and was treated so wonderful since Ralph came into her life. So many, many people will miss Dolores and we are all praying for Ralph and her children. May God lessen their grief.

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**Becky&BubbaStewart** - June 11, 2006 at 02:43 PM

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“ Though I'd only known her for a little over two years, Delores was one of kindest, most loving people I've ever met--a lovely lady who truly "lived" her faith. To Ralph and the rest of her family, my sincere condolences! I can only think that Our Master must have needed one more beautiful rose for his heavenly bouquet.

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**Geneva Russell** - June 10, 2006 at 06:55 PM

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“ Dolores Donovan

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**Geneva Russell** - June 10, 2006 at 06:46 PM