



Earlene Ann McGehee

September 4, 1942 - December 9, 2025

Earlene Ann Bennett McGehee passed away at home at the age of 83 on December 9, 2025. Earlene was born to Natalie and Earl Bennett on September 4, 1942. She is preceded in death by her husband, Jerry, to whom she was married for 59 wonderful years, her parents Natalie and Earl, and son-in-law David Sallee. Family was always important to Earlene and she enjoyed hosting family events and get togethers. Throughout her life she loved supporting her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, attending as many of their activities as possible. Earlene loved to travel and she and Jerry enjoyed many adventures together all over the world. She also loved having girls trips with her daughters and granddaughter and her extended family and girl friends. She had many health issues throughout her life but always faced them with strength and bravery and never complained and never let it stop her from doing anything she wanted. Earlene was loved by everyone and was always there for anyone who needed her. Those left to cherish memories of Earlene are her daughters, Stacey Sallee and Stephanie Johnson (Matt Johnson); grandchildren: Julie Lee, David Sallee, Jr. (Alex Sallee), Kyle Johnson (Rachel Johnson) and Garner Johnson; and 6 great-grandchildren; siblings: Loretta McLaughlin, Tom Bennett (Barbara Bennett) and Mickey Bennett (Rebecca Bennett); along with numerous others as well as a large extended family. Earlene will be dearly missed by family and friends. She was a person you could count on and didn't hesitate to help anyone in need.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 17. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Willis
10129 FM 1097 Rd. W
Willis, TX 77318

Reception following service

DEC 17. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Earlene Ann McGehee* ”



Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - December 17, 2025 at 10:25 AM

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“ Dear Stacey and Stephanie,

In this sad moment, my hope is that she is surrounded by the same love and admiration she inspired in everyone who knew her. She was a woman of extraordinary resilience—someone who faced unimaginable hardship with a courage that never wavered. I am so very sorry for your loss and for the whole family.

Even in the darkest chapters, she carried herself with a quiet strength that lifted others and reminded us what true perseverance looks like.

Her life was a testament to survival, to grit, and to the unbreakable spirit she brought into every room. I know the navy took me away for many holidays and wedding celebrations, but I still remember her wedding and a few others when I was a young girl. Jerry doing the broom dance and collecting a whopping 200.00 for the couple. Wow, how times have changed. She loved her family and would do anything for them. I never recall an unkind word to me, ever. She welcomed me and my family to the new home on McGehee Drive and we loved visiting

Her legacy she leaves behind is one of bravery, compassion, and a heart that refused to give up. The memories you made for me, Dear Earlene, will never be forgotten. The times we visited on the prison farm and she made enough food to feed a small village-always ending with my dad and Jerry, and all the rest, playing a few founds of poker.

All the times on the Brazon River enjoying family, friends and always having a great time. Sunburn, water skiing, poker, great food and plenty of beer! Your mom always made sure we had enough to eat, drink and fun. Took after her mom, our Aunt Natalie. I remember spending one of the best Thanksgiving days at your house, the weekend that Spencer and Robin got married. That is a Thanksgiving for the books! Earlene represented true family. She and Jerry hosted my dad's 85th birthday party- not sure how she got roped into that one, but it was a resounding success!! She never

flinched when she agreed to have our whole immediate family there. That was Earlene, strong, generous to a fault and her love never wavering. She will be so missed. Knowing she is with the Lord now and no longer suffering gives us all comfort. Thank you girls for taking care of her. That is an act of true love and kindness.

Wishing you comfort, peace, and the gentle reminder that her strength lives on in all who loved her.

Love, cousin Amy and family, Jessica, Mary and Stan

Amy Hizenski - December 17, 2025 at 08:29 AM

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Amy Hizenski - December 17, 2025 at 08:31 AM

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“ *Stephanie I was saddened to hear of the passing of your Mom. May you find comfort and strength from our Lord and Savior. Prayers for the family.*

Lee Ann Victery - December 16, 2025 at 02:42 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Earlene Ann McGehee.*



December 16, 2025 at 01:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Earlene Ann McGehee.*



December 15, 2025 at 12:35 PM



“ *Kimberly V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Earlene Ann McGehee.*

Kimberly V. - December 15, 2025 at 12:35 PM