



## Elaine Carol Brown

December 23, 1947 - August 30, 2015

August 30, 2015, Heaven received another beautiful angel, Elaine Whitt Catoe-Brown. Born and raised in Huntsville Texas, December 23, 1947, where she lived and worked with so many. Her career spanned over 42 years at several units of TDCJ including The Walls Unit, Ellis Unit, Gatesville Unit, Goree Unit and James T. Byrd Unit. A true green and white, Huntsville High School Hornet from the class of 1966, and still was a fan of Hornet Marching Band. One thing is for sure, well before the phone camera, she always kept her camera close by to capture and treasure photos of friends and family over every holiday or occasion. If there was ever a dessert you dreamed of, she had a recipe and could bake it for you. She was a tough competitor having loads of laughs, pitching backyard horseshoes or her slick hand at cards, while playing spoons at family gatherings. Her life included a lot of music through the years, not just listening, but singing and playing her 6 string and 12 string guitar from High School bands to home jamborees with friends and family.

Elaine is survived by her husband of 25 years Warren Brown; her mother Radelle Whitt; her daughter Phyllis J. Catoe - Chavez of Huntsville; her brother Larry Whitt of Laurel, Maryland; granddaughter Calee Jewel Catoe Innes; grandson C.J Chavez; granddaughter Victoria Angelina Chavez; grandson Johnathan Andrew Chavez; stepdaughter Cindy Brown; nephew Landon Whitt and his wife Rose and son Elikai Whitt; niece Leah Whitt also of

Maryland; and a host of family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her father LeRoy Whitt Her; brother Roy Lee Whitt; and late Husband John Butch Catoe.

Services will be held Saturday September 5, 2015 at 2:00 PM at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas, with Rev. John Gaston officiating.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
(936) 291-7300  
belinda@shmfh.com

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Elaine Carol Brown*



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**Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home** - September 04, 2015 at 08:08 AM



“ *Elaine Carol Brown*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Very sorry for your loss Mr. Brown, and for your family's loss. We are praying and thinking of you--- your CU girls!*

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**Leti Wheeler** - September 08, 2015 at 08:06 AM



“ *Pj , Mrs Witt I Am Sorry For your Loss, Praying for your Family. May God Give you Strength, Comfort and Piece. Mary Brown*

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**Mary Brown** - September 05, 2015 at 05:38 PM

DK

“ *May God embrace your family with his loving and healing spirit. We shared many childhood memories from Blalock Addition with continued friendship throughout our journey. In my thoughts and prayers..till I seeyou again my friend...*

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**Dianne Duncan Key** - September 04, 2015 at 07:20 PM

SS

“ *Sandra S. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Elaine Carol Brown.*



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**Sandra S.** - September 04, 2015 at 03:32 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Elaine Carol Brown.*



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September 04, 2015 at 03:23 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home** - September 04, 2015 at 11:58 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elaine Carol Brown.*



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September 03, 2015 at 03:30 PM



“ *From the Milton & Ida Beth Coburn Family to The Whitt/Brown Family Ours prayers and thought are with you during this time. Elaine always had a big smile on her face and always had nice things to say, she will be missed.*



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**Debbie Merchant** - September 03, 2015 at 01:54 PM



“ *Elaine was one of the best (and still is in my heart!) nieces that I ever had! She was a wonderful person and I miss her so much. I know that she is with Jesus and I will see her again some day. She had so many people that loved her so much.*

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**Jean Kupelian** - September 03, 2015 at 09:58 AM



“ *Aunt Gay Lynn lit a candle in memory of Elaine Carol Brown*



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**Aunt Gay Lynn** - September 02, 2015 at 11:24 PM

JP

“ *Jerry Peterson lit a candle in memory of Elaine Carol Brown*



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**Jerry Peterson** - September 02, 2015 at 09:52 PM

RC

“ There's not enough space on the tribute wall to describe my cousin Elaine. She embraced life, and soaked up every second of it. Her family was the center of her world and she was very selfless to everyone that she loved. I was privileged enough to experience her kind and gentle spirit. She was one of my biggest fans and showed great love through her actions. She loved music, playing the guitar, singing with her Dad, Leroy Whitt and my Mom, Gay Lynn Wolverton and anyone else that wanted to join in. She and my Mom were part of an all girl band in high school called 'The Nightlights'. They both loved the Beatles, and in fact skipped a day of school to drive to Houston to secure tickets in the first few rows! Elaine still had that ticket stub from that concert. She was a very sentimental soul and loved to take pictures of EVERYTHING and collected keepsakes of things that were near to her heart. She loved playing horseshoes and a card game called Donkey ( spoons) with all of us, and it was fierce competition for our family. You had to promote to the Donkey table, until then you played Go Fish or Old Maid. She always got a kick out of hearing her Uncle Eldon Wolverton ( my Dad ) bray like a donkey after losing the game. She loved to bake and she made a mean fudge that I looked forward to every Christmas. She was proud to be a Huntsville Hornet, and loved the marching band. It's no wonder she was so wonderful, she was raised by two of the sweetest people Leroy & Radelle Whitt, they are the definition of love. I know when Elaine got to heaven, all our special angels were there to greet her. She was then fitted for a beautiful pair of wings and given her crown of jewels that she earned ( I bet it's heavy and sparkly) Rest easy, my sweet cousin until we meet again.  
I love you, Ruby Lois



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Ruby Wolverton Cowan - September 02, 2015 at 09:54 AM

JA

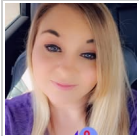
“ Elaine and I share the love of life while I worked with her at the Byrd Unit. She always checked on me daily. We had so many talks. My prayers to Warren and the family. R. I. P. love u. Jeri

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**jeri Adams** - September 02, 2015 at 07:29 AM

 Kelly  
Tatsch-  
Pelowski

“ So sorry for your loss Cindy Brown. I will always remember her from the Walls Unit and her visits to your house. RIP Elaine.

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**Kelly Tatsch-Pelowski** - September 02, 2015 at 06:02 AM



“ My mother... This is the woman who taught me everything I know pretty much.. Taught me how to cook and clean n work n so much more.. Most of my knowledge comes from her sayings that I always hear in my head like my conscience.. Always helping me make the right decision .. She was so smart n so kind but could be very demanding when she needed to be lol thats why I always called her boss lady 😊 she said I'm the boss and, she really was 😊 were so lost with out her . she is missed by me n my whole family so much and each of us is devastated in all our own separate ways.. She, was just that important to us .. She was, a great woman n I'm honored to be her daughter .. I love u mama 💙P.J.

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**Phyllis Catoe** - September 01, 2015 at 10:39 PM

TB

“ *Life is but a Stopping Place  
Life is but a stopping place,  
A pause in what's to be,  
A resting place along the road,  
to sweet eternity.  
We all have different journeys,  
Different paths along the way,  
We all were meant to learn some things,  
but never meant to stay...  
Our destination is a place,  
Far greater than we know.  
For some the journey's quicker,  
For some the journey's slow.  
And when the journey finally ends,  
We'll claim a great reward,  
And find an everlasting peace,  
Together with the lord  
Author unknown*

*Ms. Elaine Brown's presence has and will be missed but I rest in the hope that we will meet again.*

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**Terri Burnett** - September 01, 2015 at 01:57 PM

SS

“ *What a dear friend. I loved working with you  
at The Walls. You will be missed. RIP*



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**Sandra Swoboda** - September 01, 2015 at 01:41 PM

PD

“ *Patsy Duerer lit a candle in memory of Elaine Carol Brown*



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**Patsy Duerer** - September 01, 2015 at 12:20 PM

SF

“ *MY CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY FROM JAMES R. SONNY FERGUSON FAMILY*

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**SONNY FERGUSON** - September 01, 2015 at 11:47 AM

JH

“ *I loved working with Ms. Brown. She was a great friend. She was always available to help no matter how busy she was & had a kind & loving heart. I will miss her so much.*



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**Jackie Holt** - September 01, 2015 at 12:01 AM

DC

“ *Derwood And Nancy Collum lit a candle in memory of Elaine Carol Brown*



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**Derwood and Nancy Collum** - August 31, 2015 at 10:16 PM

CS

“ I love you Aunt Elaine.



Cynthia A Staley - August 31, 2015 at 09:24 PM

BC

“ Bridgette Clay lit a candle in memory of Elaine Carol Brown



Bridgette Clay - August 31, 2015 at 08:35 PM

DK

Miss you my friend. May God embrace your family with his loving and healing spirit...

Dianne Duncan Key - September 01, 2015 at 08:44 AM

PD

Will miss you my friend we have spent many an hour talking and laughing with one another. RIP sweet lady

Patsy Duerer - September 01, 2015 at 12:21 PM



*I guess Elaine and I have always known each other. I can't remember a time when I didn't have her as a friend. My earliest recollection is talking thru the car windows at the Dan Dee Dog when we were little kids 3-4. We were in the same rooms for many years in elementary school and band brought us even closer in jr. high and then the HHS marching band in high school. Oh, how we hated those clunky white shoes and then the "chicken feather" plumes that we had to be so careful with. Through it all, we marched, sweated, comiserated, and loved everyone and every minute of band. When she and Dee began to play for dances it was a shock. There was an all girl band. I remember that they were good! Well, the years rolled on and family and life seperated us, but any time we met, it was like seeing her the day before at HHS and we laughed and remembered. Not going to say good-bye to my dear friend, just "see you later, I love you." Elaine Allen*

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**Elaine Allen** - September 02, 2015 at 02:37 PM