



## Eleanor Jean Hipsley Zoeller

March 23, 1935 - January 15, 2026

Eleanor Jean Hipsley Zoeller

Obituary

Eleanor Jean Hipsley Zoeller, of Waterwood, Texas, age 90, passed away peacefully on January 15, 2026.

Eleanor was born in Sewickley, PA on March 23rd, 1935, the daughter of the late Dr. J.

Raymond Hipsley DDS and Edna M (Anderson) Hipsley. She grew up in Sewickley, PA

where she graduated from Sewickley High School in 1953. After high school, she went

to work as a secretary at Mellon Bank in Sewickley, PA in the same building where her

father had his dentistry practice.

Eleanor was born as an identical twin (Shirley A. Sye) and was the eldest of three with

Helen L. Hipsley being the youngest. At the age of two, Eleanor and Shirley began

dance lessons and through time increased their dance skills from student to teacher

which led to dancing professionally in their later teen years. As twins, they were

inseparable and were best friends throughout life.

Eleanor married her high school sweetheart, William Albert Zoeller on September

1, 1956 at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Bellevue, PA and celebrated 61 blessed years of

marriage until his death in 2018. They enjoyed traveling, antiques, square dancing,

and most of all their love and companionship of being with each other.

Together they

raised a family; William David (Vicky), Kenneth Alan (Wanda), Richard Thomas (1961),

and Raymond Frederick (Anja); as they enjoyed their nine grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband William, Richard Thomas Zoeller (son),

Shirley Ann Sye (twin sister), James H. Sye (brother-in-law), Frederick E. Zoeller

(brother-in-law), and Janet (Stuehling) Zoeller (sister-in-law).

After the passing of the love of her life (William), she filled her time and energy with

family and church friends from Grace Community Church at Waterwood. She was a

very active person in her later years and could be found traveling around town with

her girlfriends eating out, shopping, attending social and church functions.

She was

active in the Waterwood Women's League, Coldspring's Garden Club, and Red Hats.

Her favorite time outside of family was spent playing "Spinners" and drinking coffee

with her closest friends. She was loved by all.

Visitation for family and friends will be received on Saturday, January 31, 2026 from 1 pm to 2 pm with the memorial service immediately following at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home; 1700 Normal Park Drive; Huntsville, Texas. Flowers will be accepted or donations can be made in honor of Eleanor H. Zoeller to Grace Community Church at Waterwood; 239 Waterwood; Huntsville, Texas 77320.

To view the service by live stream, you may click on the link below. It should be active approximately 10 minutes prior to the service time:  
<https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/a26019959816838>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 31. 1:00 PM (CT)

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

## Memorial Service

JAN 31. 2:00 PM (CT)

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



“ Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Eleanor Jean Hipsley Zoeller



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**Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home** - January 30 at 03:05 PM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Eleanor Jean Hipsley Zoeller.



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January 29 at 01:09 PM



“ Preadmission Testing Staff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eleanor Jean Zoeller.

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**Preadmission Testing Staff** - January 29 at 10:53 AM



“ Preadmission Testing Staff purchased the Pink P otpourri Bouquet for the family of Eleanor Jean Hipsley Zoeller.



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**Preadmission Testing Staff** - January 29 at 10:53 AM

MS

“ Michelle squires purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Eleanor Jean Hipsley Zoeller.



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**Michelle squires** - January 29 at 08:52 AM

CM

“ Calvin McKinney purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Eleanor Jean Hipsley Zoeller.



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**Calvin McKinney** - January 27 at 11:12 PM

LM

“ Sending my love to your family. She was a special woman!



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**Lyndsey Muehling** - January 27 at 03:11 PM

MF

“ Lifting up the family and friends oof Eleanor Jean Zoeller for comfort and healing from our Lord Jesus Christ.



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**Marvin Hyvl & Family** - January 26 at 01:38 PM

GK

“ *Gayle Kelly lit a candle in memory of Eleanor  
Jean Hipsley Zoeller*



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**Gayle Kelly** - January 25 at 06:52 PM