



Ella P. Hoolahan

October 17, 1953 - March 17, 2026

In Loving Memory of Ella P. Hoolahan

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With heavy hearts and deep love, we honor the life of Ella: a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cherished friend, and guiding light to all who knew and loved her. We take comfort in knowing she is now at peace in God's presence, embraced in eternal rest.

Ella was a woman of remarkable warmth, strength, and faith. She had a gift for making people feel seen, heard, and deeply cared for. Her kindness was effortless, her generosity boundless, and her selflessness evident in all she did. Whether through her comforting words, her infectious laughter, or the quiet ways she showed up for others, she left a lasting imprint on every heart she touched.

She was known for her wonderful sense of humor, always ready with a laugh or a lighthearted remark that could brighten even the heaviest of days. Her joy was contagious, and her spirit brought people together. Ella had many dear friends who loved her deeply, and she cherished those friendships throughout her life.

Above all, she was a loving mother and grandmother. Her children and grandchildren were her greatest joy and proudest accomplishment. She treasured every moment spent with her family, and time with her grandchildren brought her the greatest happiness. She gave endlessly of herself, offering wisdom, encouragement, and unconditional love that will continue to guide

them throughout their lives.

Ella shared nearly 47 years of marriage with her beloved husband, Dick Hoolahan: a partnership rooted in love, devotion, and unwavering commitment. Together, they built a life centered on family, faith, and enduring love.

Her home was a place of comfort, filled with love, kindness, laughter, and familiar joys that made everyone feel welcome. Many of her children's friends were embraced in the Hoolahan home over the years, loved and cherished by Ella. To so many, she became a second mother.

Ella is preceded in death by her parents, Ruben Pineda Sr. and Cleotilde Martinez Pineda of Falfurrias, Texas; a sister, Ana Maria Pineda; and her three brothers: Ruben Pineda Jr., Isidoro Pineda, and Leonel Pineda.

She is survived by her loving husband, Dick Hoolahan; her daughters, Kristina M. Hoolahan and Kathleen M. Hoolahan; her two sons, Patrick S. Hoolahan (Rachel) and Michael T. Hoolahan (Kristen); her beloved grandchildren, Connor, Delaney, Rowan, and Emmi Hoolahan; her brother, Oscar L. Pineda (Glenda); her sisters, Linda Perkins (Will) and Ana Vasquez (Pete); and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends who will miss her beyond measure.

Though our hearts ache in her absence, we find peace in the promise of eternal life and in the many beautiful memories she leaves behind. Her legacy lives on in the lives she shaped, the lives she touched, the values she instilled, and the love she gave so freely. She was deeply loved, and she will be forever missed.

A celebration of Ella's life will be held on Tuesday, March 31 at 1:00 p.m. at the Elkins Lake Clubhouse, 632 Cherry Hills Dr. in Huntsville, Texas. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital at <https://www.stjude.org/donate>.

In honor of Ella, whose favorite color was purple, we kindly invite you to wear vibrant colors to reflect her wonderful personality as we celebrate her life and all the joy she brought to others.

Previous Events

CELBERATION OF LIFE

MAR 31. 1:00 PM (CT)

Elkins Lake Clubhouse
632 Cherry Hills Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340

Tribute Wall

SW

“ Sincere condolences to the family. My son Jacob Bryant and Patrick were friends. I will never forget her kindness. God bless you all.
Sarah Wiley

Sarah Wiley - April 11 at 11:13 AM

DP

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss. I met Ella when I was a student working at the SHSU Health Center, and I will always remember her as such a beautiful soul. She had a wonderful sense of humor and could make anyone smile. It was always a good time when she was around, and she truly made a lasting impression on everyone who knew her.

My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time.

Doris Pratt - March 31 at 09:52 AM

LR

“ Oh, Miss Ella . I did love you so!!!. I will miss your wonderful, deep laugh that came from your heart and soul. You loved people and were very tolerant of me and my difficulties. You were always supportive of everything and did not have a problem saying I was wrong and you were right. I will miss your smile and you!! Kristina, thank you for sharing your mom with me!! Now she has met my mom, and they are having a great time with our LORD.

Linda Rutledge - March 26 at 11:42 AM

SD

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family of Ms. Ella. We met many years ago at Bearkitten Academy, and I have never forgotten her. We shared many laughs and conversations that I will always remember. May God bless all of her family during this very sad and difficult time.*

Shirlette Deveraux

Shirlette Deveraux - March 25 at 10:15 PM

CO

“ *Sending my prayers and condolences to you all.*



Courtney - March 25 at 08:41 PM

MF

“ *Lifting up the family and friends of Ella Hoolahan for comfort and healing from our Lord Jesus Christ.*



Marvin Hyvl & Family - March 24 at 11:00 AM

KL

“ They say you find family in the most unexpected places. For me, that was the SHSU "Quack Shack" with Ella. What started as a work-study assignment turned into some great memories. She didn't just give me a job; she welcomed me into her home and her family. I'm forever grateful for the blunt, brilliant real-world advice that got me through my 20s. Rest in peace, Sweet Ella. Sending much love to her beautiful family.

Kim (Boutte) Lucas - March 23 at 09:34 PM

GK

“ Gayle Kelly lit a candle in memory of Ella P. Hoolahan



Gayle Kelly - March 23 at 08:56 PM

CM

“ Worked in the past with Ella at a local hospice in Huntsville. She was a very nice and kind person. May God comfort family and friends during this difficult time.



Carolyn Morris - March 23 at 08:00 PM