



## Elsie R. Kramer

May 18, 1927 - January 9, 2018

Elsie Rae Simpson-Kramer was born on May 18, 1927 in Englewood, Florida, to James Ray and Elsie Kathleen Simpson. She passed away January 9, 2018 at the age of 90, preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, William F. Kramer, whom she had met through his service as a sergeant in the U.S. Airforce band.

Together Elsie and Bill would relocate to Huntsville, Texas, due to Bill's recruitment by Sam Houston State Teacher's College to create a symphony orchestra and serve as a professor of music for the next 38 years.

Having always dreamed of becoming a nurse, Elsie would attend the inaugural class at the Joe Davis School of Nursing where she graduated as an LVN. She would eventually serve as President of the Texas League of Licensed Vocational Nurses.

Elsie would also serve her church as a Sunday school teacher of two and three year olds for over 30 years, and her larger community through her involvement in organizing blood drives, as well as her participation in creating pillow corsages for each of the women admitted into Huntsville Memorial Hospital for nearly forty years.

Elsie's favorite hobbies included yard-work, crocheting, and sewing -- with her

most notable creations being her hand-crafted Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls. She was also a consummate traveler, circling the world with Bill, and taking part in mission trips to Mexico and Honduras. The underprivileged children she met in these parts of the world would inspire her to create a series of biblical teaching materials translated in Spanish, which have been distributed to churches in several Latin American countries.

Elsie is survived by her two children: Bonnie Elisabeth Kinard of Huntsville and Frederick (Freddy) Ray Kramer and wife, Jackie, of Goldthwaite; four grandchildren: Polly Junco and husband, Michael, of Houston; Kendal Decker and wife, Sherri, of Midland; Ray Kramer and wife, Tonya, of Forney; and Ryan Kramer and wife, Jessica, of San Angelo; eight great-grandchildren: Cash Gilmer and wife, Amanda; Jacob, Bethany, and Anna Decker; Weston and Toby Kramer; and Parker and Everly Kramer; one great-great-granddaughter, Teagan Gilmer; two sisters: Olive Williams of Fort Myers, Florida; and Marion Disney, of Dunellen, Florida; as well as numerous nieces and nephews, including: Roger Kramer of Parkridge, Illinois; Guy Williams and wife, Sharon, of Conroe; Glynn Williams and wife, Karen, of Atascocita; Lisa Clark and husband, Joey, of Gainesville, Florida; Randall Yarborough of San Antonio; Kennette Newcombe and husband, Peter, of Tallahassee, Florida; Chuck Williams of Fort Myers, Florida; and her beloved cat, Delilah.

# Cemetery Details

## Brooke Cemetery

672 FM 980  
Huntsville, TX 77320

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **9**. 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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

## Service

FEB **10**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Huntsville Church of Christ  
3737 State Hwy 30 W  
Huntsville, TX 77340

# Tribute Wall



“ *Elsie R. Kramer*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Elsie R. Kramer.*



February 08, 2018 at 01:49 PM



“ *When I went to Huntsville in the early 70's, I was fortunate to get to know Fred and began running around together. Then when Lynn got there it seems that there were always several of us boys in and out of the Kramer's a pretty good bit. So much so that we would refer to Mrs. Kramer as "Ma Kramer". I did not realize at the time what a blessing a person like that really is.*

**Johnny** - January 23, 2018 at 05:00 PM