



## Jo Nell Hess

March 27, 1928 - February 20, 2018

Jo Nell Collins Timmons Hess, 89, passed away peacefully with family by her side on February 20, 2018. She was born March 27, 1928 in Mexia, Texas to Sidney Lee and Jewel Irene Ware Collins. Jo Nell was a graduate of Teague High School and received a Bachelors Degree and her Masters of Arts in Education from Texas A & I University, now Texas A & M Kingsville. She was a member of Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

Jo Nell started her teaching career teaching 3rd grade in Banquete and lived in a district teacherage house with four other single teachers. She met and married Donnal Timmons on August 17, 1951, and continued her teaching career. She taught in a number of different school districts including Banquete, Bishop, Montgomery, Sam Houston State University Department of Education and retired from Huntsville. Jo Nell taught many different grade levels from 3rd grade, 6th and 7th grade reading, high school English and college education classes. She was a passionate teacher and touched the lives of numerous students.

She enjoyed spending time with family and in later years took pleasure looking at the beautiful flowers and trees and watching the birds and squirrels in her back yard.

Jo Nell was preceded in death by her parents Sidney Collins and Jewel Collins Cauley, her husbands Donnal Timmons and Gene Hess and

grandsons Michael Fitschen and Andrew Timmons. She is survived by daughters Carol Gallagher of Cypress, Donna Fitschen and husband Steve of Chesapeake, Virginia, Lana Fenske of Tomball and son Andy Timmons and Heather Finch of Huntsville, grandchildren Amy Gallagher Osborne and husband Shane of Cypress, Andrea Fitschen Cipcic of Chesapeake, Virginia, Matthew Fitschen and wife Alex of Gastonia, North Carolina, Daniel Fitschen of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Beth Ann Fitschen of Chesapeake, Virginia, Kevin Fenske of Austin, Texas, Keith Fenske and wife Nicole of Bryan, Texas, great grandchildren Clara, Joelle, Luke and Micah Osborne of Cypress, Texas and Asher and Tessa Cipcic of Chesapeake, Virginia.

Pallbearers will be Kevin Fenske, Keith Fenske, Shane Osborne, Matthew Fitschen, Bill Clark and Billy Caldwell.

The family would especially like to thank our brother, Andy Timmons and Heather Finch for their loving care of our precious mother.

Visitation will be held at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home on Friday, February 23, at 10:00 with the funeral service following at 11:00. Graveside services will be at 3:30 at Point Enterprise Cemetery near Mexia, Texas,

# Cemetery Details

## Point Enterprise Cemetery

Mexia, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
(936) 291-7300  
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## Service

FEB 23. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jo Nell Hess*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Kathy Schulz lit a candle in memory of Jo Nell Hess*



**Kathy Schulz** - February 22, 2018 at 11:42 PM



“ *Your family at Bear Creek Elementary purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jo Nell Hess.*



**Your family at Bear Creek Elementary** - February 22, 2018 at 05:16 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of your loss. Prayed for your family.*



**Mellicent Wiley** - February 22, 2018 at 02:49 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jo Nell Hess.* ”



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February 22, 2018 at 12:01 PM