



Margaret Ann Mature

March 4, 1941 - May 17, 2026

Margaret Ann Mature, 85, of New Waverly, Texas, passed away peacefully, surrounded by the love of her family and the faith that guided her throughout her life. Born on March 4, 1941, in Conroe, Texas, Margaret Ann Noviski was the cherished daughter of Pete and Sophie Noviski.

Margaret graduated from New Waverly High School in 1958, where she was deeply involved in school activities and athletics. She participated in volleyball and softball, was a majorette, and was active in FFA. She was honored by her classmates as both the 1958 Class Favorite and Class Sweetheart.

On July 7, 1960, Margaret married the love of her life, James Frank Mature, in New Waverly, Texas. Together, they built a life centered on faith, family, hard work, and service to others. Margaret devoted herself to raising their three sons: James Caesar, Robert Frank, and Anthony Thomas. The family found deep solace and community in St. Charles Borromeo Church, where the boys attended primary school. Their faith provided unwavering strength during the immeasurable loss of their eldest son, James, in 1977, a tragedy caused by a drunk driver.

Margaret was known for her warm hospitality and extraordinary talent in the kitchen. She was a wonderful cook and an effortless baker who could make anything taste delicious. Family members often joked that her secret ingredient was a dash of sugar added to just about everything. No one ever left her table hungry!

Following James' retirement from Maxwell House, the couple returned to New

Waverly, where they continued their lifelong commitment to their church and community. Together, they served for five years as co-chairs at St. Joseph Church, reflecting their steadfast faith and dedication to helping others. Margaret also served as a rural mail carrier for the United States Postal Service in New Waverly until her retirement in 2012. Throughout the community, she became affectionately known as “The Lady in the White Jeep,” faithfully delivering mail with a smile and a kind word for everyone along her route.

Margaret’s devotion to her family and ranch was immeasurable. She made certain that everyone—family, friends, and animals alike—was well fed, cared for, and loved each day. She also possessed a remarkable green thumb and could grow just about anything, filling her home and land with beauty and life. Margaret was preceded in death by her beloved husband, James F. Mature; her son, James C. Mature; her parents, Pete and Sophie Noviski; her mother-in-law, Lilian Mature, and brother Bernis (Sonny) Noviski.

She is survived by her sons, Robert Mature and his wife, Rosie, and Anthony Mature and his wife, Lynda Lee-Mature; granddaughter Carolyn Mature; grandsons Kenneth Mature and his wife, Heather, Quinn Lee, and River Lee; great-grandchildren Daniel Mature and wife Kelsey, Macie Mature, Case Ellis, and Maverick Mature, and great-great-grandchildren Tazley Mature and McCoy Mature. Extended family and dear friends will forever treasure her love, generosity, faith, and unwavering strength.

Margaret’s life was a beautiful example of devotion—to God, to family, and to community. Her legacy of kindness, resilience, and unconditional love will continue to live on in all who knew her.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2026 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, with a rosary beginning at 7:00 PM. The funeral mass will be on Friday, May 22 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in New Waverly at 11:00 AM. She will be laid to rest at Shepard Hill Cemetery in Willis and then a reception will be held at the St. Joseph Catholic Church Hall.

Cemetery Details

Shepard Hill Cemetery

11249 Shepard Hill Rd
Willis, TX 77318

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 21. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Rosary

MAY 21. 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

MAY **22**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
101 Elmore St
New Waverly, TX 77358

Graveside Service

MAY **22**. 12:30 PM (CT)

Shepard Hill Cemetery
11249 Shepard Hill Rd
Willis, TX 77318

Tribute Wall

WF

“ Rest in peace, Margaret. She is certainly one of God's children. I will always remember her kindness, her welcoming smile, and that generous hospitality. She's truly one of the sweetest people I've ever known.--Wanda Falco

Wanda Falco - May 23 at 05:44 AM

LJ

“ I sure will miss her hugs and her good ol pinto beans . Louis Wojcik, jr (J.R.)

louis wojcik , jr - May 23 at 04:57 AM

SB

“ From Margaret's days in the public school to her days as my mail lady, she always had that smile and a helpful hand to any who needed it. She visited me in the recent past; bringing joy to my life. She is with her family and our Savior in Heaven, forever. She will be missed by a lot of folks.

Sara Hardy Bartee - May 22 at 12:42 PM

FP

“ Frances Wagner Paluka lit a candle in memory of Margaret Ann Mature



Frances Wagner Paluka - May 20 at 06:48 PM

DP

“ David And Rose Paluka lit a candle in memory of Margaret Ann Mature



David and Rose Paluka - May 20 at 06:45 PM

JT

“ Johnny, Gloria, Jason, Glenn Tafelski purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Margaret Ann Mature.



Johnny, Gloria, Jason, Glenn Tafelski - May 20 at 01:31 PM

SF

“ Stuart & Cherri Fryer purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Margaret Ann Mature.



Stuart & Cherri Fryer - May 20 at 11:21 AM

SF

“ Stuart & Cherri Fryer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margaret Noviski Mature.

Stuart & Cherri Fryer - May 20 at 11:21 AM

RW

“ Margaret was a wonderful lady. Always with a smile. She loved her boys, and so proud of the Grands. Always a gracious am so sad to hear of her passing. Prayers for the Mature Family
Ruby Winters

ruby Winters - May 20 at 01:59 AM

MP

“ Matt P. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Margaret Ann Mature.



Matt P. - May 19 at 09:24 PM

DA

“ Mature family your family is in our prayers. Margaret was one of the sweetest ladies you could meet. Very devoted to her faith, family and many friends. May God be with you all and give you strength as we all say Goodbye to a dear precious lady.
Bobby & Darlene Abramski and family



Darlene Abramski - May 19 at 07:37 PM

GK

“ Gayle Kelly lit a candle in memory of Margaret Ann Mature



Gayle Kelly - May 19 at 03:28 PM

LC

“ Both Judge and his wife were like second parents to me. The greatest people you could have ever met. My prayers are for the family and friends 🙏



Lavena Cain - May 19 at 03:05 PM

MF

“ Lifting up the family and friends of Margaret Mature for comfort and strength. I met James Mature through work and right away Margaret. They were a couple that showed their love for their Lord Jesus Christ and friends. Margaret always had a pleasant and caring personality. A great example of a wife devoted to her husband. I got to meet a lot of New Waverly citizens and others. The amazing thing I still remember about Margaret is her being a mail carrier in New Waverly which you all she proud of because she was the first woman mail route carrier I ever met. Margaret is with James and our Lord enjoying eternity. It was a joy sharing about family and friends.



Marvin Hyvl & Family - May 19 at 02:56 PM

MS

“ Marshall Stockton purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Margaret Ann Mature.



Marshall Stockton - May 19 at 02:26 PM

MS

“ Mickey and Dorothy Smith purchased the Angel's Embrace Bouquet for the family of Margaret Ann Mature.



Mickey and Dorothy Smith - May 19 at 02:11 PM

CM

“ Mature family: What a wonderful lady!! She will be missed in New Waverly. We are thinking of you all. Our love, Carolyn & Gary & Robert Snoe



carolyn mcclure - May 19 at 01:39 PM

MS

“ John and I send our deepest condolences to her precious family. She was one of the most devoted wife, mother, grandmother and Christian we had the pleasure of knowing. Always smiling and a joy to sit with. The best mail carrier we ever had! God bless you all in this time of sorrow.
Marti and John Shaver

Marti Shaver - May 19 at 12:57 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Margaret Ann Mature.



May 19 at 12:12 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Margaret Noviski Mature.

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