



Marlene Marilyn Nelson

October 18, 1931 - December 31, 2018

Marlene Marilyn (nee Sweeney) Nelson, born to Harry Clifford and Odelia Marie Sweeney on October 18, 1931 in Minneapolis, MN, the youngest of four children, went peacefully to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on December 31, 2018. She is preceded in death by her parents, Mae Sweeney, step-mother, Lois and Howard King, sister and brother-in-law, Jerry Sweeney, brother, Pete Crawford, brother-in-law, Mathew Emmit and Vera Bell Nelson, Sr., father-in-law and mother-in-law, and sisters and brothers by marriage Jack and Nelda Nelson, Gwen and Harold Edwards, Thelma and Frank Montgomery, Babe and Earl Williamson, Grace Gober and Pat Barton. She is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 68 years, Mathew Emmit Nelson, Suzette Shaw, daughter, Matt and Mary Nelson, son and daughter-in-law, Nanette and Harold Ramsey, daughter and son-in-law, Colleen Crawford, sister, Mike Sweeney, half-brother, Jim Sweeney, cousin, brothers-in-law David Gober, and Buddy Barton and wife Beth. Granddaughters Heather Carson and husband Mike, Kim Starr and husband Mike, Pam Coll and husband Steve, Nicole Holland and husband Ken, Emily Craft and husband Derek, Stacie Jackson and Donna Cox. Grandsons Chris Hill, Shane Hill, Derek Nelson and wife Sara, and Jake Ramsey. Great grandsons Harris Carson, Tucker Carson, Blake Carson, Jack Nelson, Giovanni Hill, Jeremy Hendrick, Brax Farhood, and Jake Holland. Great granddaughters Hayden Carson, Serene Jackson, Chloe Starr, Paige Holland, Sharon Holland, and Bella Craft. Great great-grandsons Caleb Starr, John

David Hendrick, and Jenson Hendrick. Also, numerous nieces and nephews, all of whom she loved dearly.

Marlene (nicknamed Suzie) attended Hyde Park High School in Chicago, and graduated from Odessa High School in Odessa, Texas. She met the love of her life while living in Odessa. And after a whirlwind 6 week romance, she and Mathew (nicknamed Sonny) married on July 26, 1950, a marriage that lived on for 68+ wonderful years. Marlene and Mathew made homes in numerous places in Texas, as well as Yakima, Washington and Mesa, Arizona. She worked as a Clerk Typist, Data Processing Clerk, Office Manager, Tax Assessor Collector for a utility district, Accounting Secretary for various companies, finally retiring from Capital Appraisal Group in Austin as an Accountant. They made their final home in Huntsville with their daughter Suzette since 2008.

Marlene was a devout Christian woman who considered herself first a Christian (a Baptist by choice) then wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother known fondly as GG and Granny, sister, aunt, cousin and friend to all. She never met a stranger, and made many friends from her church, to the doctors office, the nurses at hospitals and the clerks at the grocery stores. Before the day had ended she knew their life stories and made sure she added them to her prayer list. She and Mathew were active in every church they attended to include being prayer warriors and witnessing. She also sang in the church choir, participated in women's ministry activities, and was leader of the New Christians Class at First Baptist Church in Belton where she mentored countless 1st through 6th graders through the basics of their new found faith and church membership. She and Mathew also taught childrens Sunday School class. At the same time she very much enjoyed volunteer work through the years with various programs such as Helping Hands, local food banks and Angel Tree. During most of her life she loved to sew and was an accomplished seamstress. She taught various nieces to sew, usually gifts for their own families, and in recent years was teaching her great granddaughter Hayden to do the same. Through the years she made many

baby quilts and maternity clothes for those in need who she came in contact with through church and volunteer service. Most of her Christmas and birthday gifts for family and friends were made with love on her many sewing machines. When she could no longer do these things she loved so much she donated most of the machines, supplies and fabric to Riverside Baptist Church so a new generation of seamstresses could learn the joy of doing and giving to others. She enjoyed playing Hand and Foot at family reunions and get togethers with her sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews. And of late, she just enjoyed sitting at the kitchen table and playing cards with Mathew, watching movies new and old, sharing daily Bible devotions, and taking a good brisk sit on the front porch every day. Most of all, she loved her family beyond measure. Her husband, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were the light of her life. She never tired of bragging about each and every one of them.

The world was a brighter place because of Marlene. We have lost a gem here on earth, but Heaven has gained another Angel. Rest in Heavenly Peace Mom. You will be missed more than words can express. We love you.

(Services will be Monday, January 7, 2019 at Cook Springs Baptist Church in Huntsville, Texas. Visitation will be at 10 a.m. and the service will follow at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, if you wish donations can be made in her name to the Fellowship and Food Committee of Cook Springs Baptist Church, Riverside Baptist Church, or the charity of your choice.)

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Cook Springs Baptist Church
1936 State Highway 75 N
Crabbs Prairie, TX

Service

JAN 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Crabbs Prairie, TX

Tribute Wall



“ *Marlene Marilyn Nelson*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Marlene's passing. Marlene was a good friend when we worked together in Austin. She was a beautiful, kind and loving person. My condolences to her family. May the happy memories soon dry your tears. Prayers for peace and comfort.*
Kayline Cabe

Kayline Cabe - January 25, 2019 at 08:39 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Marlene Marilyn Nelson.*



January 07, 2019 at 11:35 AM



“ *Jan Edwards lit a candle in memory of Marlene Marilyn Nelson*



Jan Edwards - January 06, 2019 at 07:19 PM

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“ *Dawn Rachal lit a candle in memory of
Marlene Marilyn Nelson*



Dawn Rachal - January 02, 2019 at 07:33 PM