



Mary Ann Darby

March 1, 1932 - June 24, 2014

Mary Ann Darby, 82 passed away peacefully on June 19, 2014 after a long and valiant struggle with COPD. Mary was born on March 1, 1932 in Madisonville, Texas to William L Crouch and Henrietta Golden Crouch. She worked in the family business, Crouch's on the square in Madisonville while growing up and graduate4d from Madisonville High School. She attended Sam Houston State University where she earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education and then a master's degree in education with a specialty in reading and library science. In fact, at that time, there were no certified elementary librarians in Texas and she was in the first Library Science Institute class offered at SHSU. She was a long time Huntsville ISD employee beginning her career at Stewart Elementary in the classroom and then retiring as the librarian for Gibbs Elementary. During her 30 years in education, the last 22 in HISD, she made a huge contribution to the education and welfare of the children of Huntsville, Austin, Bryan, and Aldine schools. After her retirement, she spent many days with her husband, Bobby (family nickname) at their ranch in Leon County, the Little 4, named for the four siblings/spouses who all bought it together. She loved to drive the tractor and mow weeds, helped fix fences and bale hay, work the cow, fish in the lakes, sit on the porch at one of the two camp houses, the Lodge or the White House, and ride around in the evening looking for "deer and critters". In addition to spending time outdoors on their land, she continued her love of reading daily. She shared that love of reading with her six grandchildren as she often had

several at a time. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Charles; her son Charles, Jr. and wife Annie; daughter Debi Reesing and husband Steve; six grandchildren: Sarah D. Clapham and husband Jason, Trey Darby and wife April, John Darby and wife Cydni, Kyle Reesing, Megan Reesing and seven great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother: Charles, William, Everett, M.J. and Curtis Crouch and sister Estelle Fannin. The family will receive visitors on Monday, June 23, 2014 from 5-8 pm at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home at 1700 Normal Park. Her memorial service will be at 11 am Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at the First Christian Church of Huntsville at 1800 Ave. R. There will be a reception at the church following the service. Interment will be at Zion Cemetery at 2 pm in Iola, Texas. Memorial condolences may be made at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Ann Darby*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Charlie: Diane and I were so sorry to hear about the passing of Ann. A dear, sweet lady. We so much enjoyed our visits over the past 10 yrs with you and her.*

David Henderson - August 02, 2014 at 09:45 PM



“ *We are sorry to hear about your Mom. You are in our thoughts and prayers!*

Cheryl, Platt and Joyce McLaughlin

Cheryl McLaughlin Washington - July 05, 2014 at 06:14 PM



“ *CHuck and Debi,*

I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your Mother. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Monetta

Monetta Mooney Frenza - June 27, 2014 at 11:08 AM

BN

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of my beloved 5th grade teacher, Mrs Darby. I have never forgotten her many loving, caring lessons and hold her smile close to my heart. My thoughts and prayers are with her family. She was truly, one of a kind! Im sure she is reading to little angels as we speak. Thank you Mrs Darby.

Brenda Baker Newell - June 23, 2014 at 08:01 PM

JB

“ Mr. Darby & Family, I am so very sorry for your loss of Ann. I have fond memories of going to your house to visit with you & Ann with my dad. I also had the wonderful opportunity to work with Ann when she was the librarian at Gibbs Elementary many years ago! She was such a smart and dear person & she will not be forgotten!! Please know that your family is in my thoughts & prayers! Much love...

Jamie Ellisor Brinegar

Jamie Ellisor Brinegar - June 23, 2014 at 05:14 PM

NB

“ To The Darby Family: Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Mrs. Darby was a wonderful lady and I'll always remember her. Love you all.

Nicole Boston - June 23, 2014 at 04:01 PM

MK

“ Charles, Chuck and Ann,

We are so sorry to hear Ann passed. We so enjoyed our time with her and the whole Darby family working cows at the Little 4 and watching all the kids grow up.

Our prayers are with you.

Matt & Judy Keith - June 23, 2014 at 02:37 PM

VP

“ *Ann was a wonderful teacher to work with. My first years with HISD were spent on her campus. I appreciated how welcoming she was to a new teacher.*

Vicki Prentice - June 23, 2014 at 11:35 AM

PG

“ *Sincere Condolences to the Family of Mary Ann Crouch Darby--My childhood friend.*

Patricia (Pyle) Gore and Husband Albert

Patricia and Albert Gore - June 22, 2014 at 08:48 PM

JM

“ *Charles and family, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. We both have many great memories of Ann. She was a fantastic person and always very supportive and encouraging. Please remember all the great things she did and all the lives she touched. Thinking of you all.*

Joyce and Jimmy Merchant - June 21, 2014 at 04:25 PM