



## Nellie Jane Eastham

November 25, 1928 - September 12, 2018

Nellie Jane Krehbiel Eastham, age 89, (or, as she often said, "I'm almost 100.") of Huntsville, Texas entered into rest with the LORD on September 12, 2018.

Visitation: 5:00-7:00pm, September 18, 2018 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, Huntsville, Texas. Funeral: 10:00am, September 19, 2018 in the chapel of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, Huntsville, Texas. Graveside Service: 2:00 pm, September 19, 2018 Magnolia Cemetery, 603 N. Nellius St., Woodville, Texas 75979 (entry).

Nellie is survived by her sister Judy Kay Krehbiel Goering and husband H. Keith of Moundridge, Kansas. Also, by her four daughters: Cathryn Lee Warren and husband Shane St. Clair of Las Vegas, Nevada, Randi Renee Jackson and husband Michael David Sr. of Huntsville, Texas, Celia "Cyndi" Eastham of Huntsville, Texas, and Robyn Rochelle Cox and husband William Franklin IV of Bel Air, Maryland; grandson David Jackson Jr. and wife Anhthu, grandson Bryce Eubanks and wife Christi, granddaughter Camille Sauerbier and husband Jason, granddaughter Dr. ErinLeigh Williams and husband Dr. Aaron Williams, grandson Edmon Eastham and wife Anna, and grandson Chaplain Grant Eubanks and wife Amanda; seven great-grandchildren: Aiden Le Jackson, Alannah Eubanks, Hannah Eubanks, Joel Eubanks, Ryker Williams, Maverick Sauerbier, Logan Eastham, and Maia Eastham; and a host

of family and friends.

She was born in Moundridge, Kansas, an active German Mennonite farming community, on November 25, 1928 to Lee M. and Kate Krehbiel.

Nelle was a passionate Bible teacher. Her love for the Word continued throughout her life. She taught Sunday School at First Baptist Church in Woodville and finished her teaching years at University Heights Baptist Church in Huntsville.

She received her Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education and taught in public school as well.

Nellie was married on August 8, 1948 to Edmon Monroe Eastham, a WW2 Marine Veteran from Saratoga, Texas.

As a young widow she took the opportunity to go to China on a mission trip.

We are in awe of the comments made by people about our mother. As a friend expressed her love for mom in this way:

"Your mom was such a special lady full of grace and wisdom. Whenever anyone asked who we think of as our spiritual mentor, your mom is always first to come to mind." Beverly Johnson.

We are so thankful for the prayers and love we have received from those whose lives were touched by mom.

Mama blessed our lives with her love. We were privileged to witness her entry into paradise.

She was an amazingly phenomenal mother. Did we do good? ...Oh, well, Mama tried.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **18.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

SEP **19.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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1700 Normal Park Dr.  
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## Graveside

SEP **19.** 2:00 PM.

Woodville Magnolia Cemetery  
Woodville, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ *Nellie Jane Eastham*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I am so glad you put aunt Nellie's obituary in the Tyler County booster so I could see it. I remember visiting Uncle Tex and Aunt Nellie, as we called them, and you girls in Silsbee and all the fun we had playing. Mama and I stopped in many years later and visited her In Woodville. She was such a sweet lady and I know you will miss her . My prayers are with you .  
Kerry Van Doren Pedigo*

**Kerry Pedigo** - September 22, 2018 at 06:11 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nellie Jane Eastham.*



September 18, 2018 at 02:21 PM

PC

“ Jim Cunningham my husband has been very ill this last year and in June suffered a massive stroke. He has severe bouts of confusion which upset him greatly. At this time he is in a Skilled Nursing Facility. He will say something and then look at me and say that was not right and get so upset. But when I told him of Mrs. Eastham passing he said "good they are together." Jim considered the Eastham his adopted home away from home. He loved going to the Eastham home, "It was someplace that was normal, always fun and loving, only good memories." He loved working with Mr. Eastham in construction. When Mrs. Eastham, would send cookies to him in Vietnam Jim said he would share with the guys in his tent. They all said he should marry her but he said I would but she is already married. She once sent him a picture of the family Jim put the picture thumb tacked on a post by his bed. All the guys in his unit wanted to write to the girls but Jim said no way. You guys are not good enough for my real sisters or my adopted ones. She and I spoke one day on the phone at length how glammers all the books about being Mennonite/Amish sounded. My grandparents where from Minnesota and we were raised very strict. She agreed with me there was a lot of love in the home but a lot of work from sun up to sun down. I know how she was raised and believe me she has earned this rest. But if what Jim tells me is true she is probably up their teaching someone a lesson or recipe. Pam Cunningham

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**pamela cunningham** - September 17, 2018 at 05:08 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Nellie Jane Eastham.



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September 17, 2018 at 02:12 PM

MH

“ *M. Hyvl lit a candle in memory of Nellie Jane Eastham*



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**M. Hyvl** - September 17, 2018 at 01:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Nellie Jane Eastham.*



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September 17, 2018 at 12:18 PM

GB

“ *Ms. Nell at Creekside, long days in bed with her foot/leg in the boot cast.....boring monotonous days...so we snuck in wonderful Italian food, ice tea and a dessert...snuck in really the smell filled each hallway, the elevator, etc.*

*The minute we opened the door and said surprise...that great smile broke out on her face, her eyes started twinkling and before we knew it...food was being passed around, jokes being told and great healing laughter was going on. I praise the LORD for that evening of talk, fun and laughing together with David/Randi and Ms. Nell. Sharing older family tales and newer family/friend tales. With a few of her gracious words....me?? I would never have done that!! Then that extra twinkle in her eyes and a great laugh.*

*I smile as I think of you in heaven with your LORD and SAVIOUR..talking, laughing and smiling! Asking the LORD for His mercies and tender love to comfort each family member and cradle them in His arms as He knows they need extra comfort.*

*The GB's*

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**G Browning** - September 17, 2018 at 12:45 AM

BC

*Mrs. Eastham was the dear sweet mom of my long time friend, Cyndi. The kitchen was the place we gathered and talked and teased about our high school days. She was always so sweet and kind. I know she'll be missed deeply.*

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**Boots Coplin** - September 17, 2018 at 11:24 AM

SM

*Nelle, what a dear friend. Always smiling, kind, loving, and dedicated to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

*She participated in 40 Days for Life with us in front of Planned Parenthood. She also attended banquets in Bryan.*

*We went to movies together, had meals together, exercised together and loved each other. She was a fount of wisdom. I will miss her very much. I loved singing to her when she was at Creekside.*

*Stella Milam - September 19, 2018*

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**Stella Steely Milam** - September 19, 2018 at 10:14 PM

MV

“ 1 file added to the album *Uncle Edmond*



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**Mary Vanek** - September 16, 2018 at 10:02 AM

MV

*Aunt Nell married into the family of Ed Eastham. I cannot think of her without thinking of him. Here he is with his face upturned to the camera visiting at his sister's house, my aunt Armonice. Aunt Nell was the last of that wonderful generation in our family. Remember the reunions at Aunt Dolly's house?*

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**Mary Vanek** - September 16, 2018 at 10:06 AM

RL

“ *Rosie, Missy, Darci, Margaret, Genevieve, Lucille purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Nellie Jane Eastham.*



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**Rosie, Missy, Darci, Margaret, Genevieve, Lucille** - September 15, 2018 at 06:20 PM

CL

“ *Nell was a special lady and I got to know her at UHBC. She would call me to come over and help with her computer problems, which I was always glad to do. I'll miss her sweet personality and smile.*

*Charles Lawson*



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**Charles Lawson** - September 15, 2018 at 04:29 PM

MV

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



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**Mary Vanek** - September 14, 2018 at 09:57 PM

MV

*This is Uncle Edmond (uncle Boy) with our son many years ago. Seems like yesterday to me but the baby is Joe, in his 40's.now. Cindy in the background talking to Frank. How quickly the years go by.*

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**Mary Vanek** - September 14, 2018 at 11:05 PM

LB

“ *I always remember the smile she had all the time.It sure was good to know one of Daughter with a smile on her face she was our Classmate your mother was a sweet kind wonderful Lady glad to have know her Prayer are with the family*

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**Lindsey Britnell** - September 14, 2018 at 05:23 PM

MV

“ *Mary Ann Vanek purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Nellie Jane Eastham.*



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**Mary Ann Vanek** - September 14, 2018 at 03:55 PM

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**Mary Ann Vanek** - September 14, 2018 at 03:28 PM

MV

*Aunt Nell visiting with her brother in law and sister in law in the Nursing home. My parents. I knew her and loved her all my life.*

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**Mary Vanek** - September 14, 2018 at 11:15 PM

MH

“ *M. Hyvl lit a candle in memory of Nellie Jane Eastham*



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**M. Hyvl** - September 14, 2018 at 02:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Nellie Jane Eastham.*



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September 14, 2018 at 01:51 PM



“ *Visiting Aunt Nell and my Uncle Edmond (I called him Uncle Boy a nickname my Dad called him) as a child is among my fondest memories. Riding in the car with them and their little girls was a unique experience in that we all sang songs, "On the good ship lollipop" and other happy songs. Once when I was visiting I remember Aunt Nell encouraging me to read the Bible myself. As a young person, I hadn't grown up going to church much and I didn't think I could understand it. She advised me to start with IJohn. I did and have loved reading the Bible ever since. It is with much love and many happy memories of her that I send my condolences to her daughters and their families during this time of loss and grief. I look forward to seeing her again some day with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

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**Mary Ann Vanek** - September 14, 2018 at 07:53 AM



“ *Nell taught our young ladies Sunday School class at First Baptist Church Woodville. Her dedication, love of the Lord, and sweet testimony has always been and will always be remembered and cherished. I remember how she always turned to the scriptures and how her Bible was tenderly worn due to her frequent use. Our prayers are with the family at this time.*

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**Sherry Kenner** - September 13, 2018 at 08:22 PM