



Norma Caldwell Farris

November 18, 1928 - January 25, 2022

Norma Caldwell Farris was born on November 18, 1928 to Claud Austin Caldwell and Thelma Maines Caldwell in Houston, Texas. She went to be with the Lord on January 25, 2022, at the age of 93. Most of her growing up years were in Houston. Her family's ranch was in Evergreen, Texas. It was always a big part of the lives of the Caldwell family.

The family moved to their beloved ranch in 1942 and Norma finished high school in Coldspring, Texas in 1945 as Valedictorian. She received many scholarships to different colleges and universities but chose the one from Sam Houston State Teachers College to be close to her family. Her dad had suffered several strokes. Due to the strokes, Norma had to ride her horse Trixie and take her dog Shep, to check their cattle and fences. She was very busy in her high school years, being her dad's legs and working the ranch. This was all during World War II.

She met and married her husband, James Elwin Farris while attending college. They married in a garden ceremony in the front of the ranch home. Her older brother, Jim, who has a green thumb and is very artistic, decorated the yard. They married on May 25, 1947. They were married for 69 years before James passed on to his heavenly reward in December 2016. After they married, they lived at the Caldwell Ranch until they moved back to Huntsville for James to finish his college education in 1948.

Norma went to work at Mallery and Smither Chevrolet Company. It was her first "real job" besides ranch work. After a couple of years, she had the

opportunity to go to work for Huntsville National Bank. Norma's daughter, Marla Beth, was born in December 1952. Norma was fortunate to be able to stay home for 2 years, then she went back to work at the bank for about 3 years. At that time, she had her son in 1958, James Michael (Jim) Farris. She continued to stay at home until Jim started 1st grade. At that time, she went back to college to get her teaching degree, which she accomplished in 3 years.

In 1978, Norma got her real estate salesman license and went on to be a broker. In 1980, Norma and James opened their own real estate office, Farris Realty, Inc. They really enjoyed their over 20 years in the real estate business together, serving Huntsville and surrounding areas, before they retired.

Norma experienced salvation at an early age. She and her older brother, Jim, sang at local churches in their area. Her whole family sang beautifully. They loved to gather around the piano for sing-a-longs.

Her love of the Lord led her to many Ladies Bible Studies. She and James were always active together in their church.

For 30 years, Norma and James played in a couple's bridge club. The friends in the group were very close and were always there for each other.

After James' death, Norma eventually sold her home and moved to Carriage Inn. After several months, she became very ill and her health continued to deteriorate to the point she needed to move to Tyler where her grandson, JB Farris and his family live.

So, in 2020 she moved and was living in a lovely facility until it was her time to change her address to heaven.

She was preceded in death by her husband James, or Pop as he was known; her son, Jim; her grandson Joshua; her older brother, Claudy and her parents. She is survived by her daughter, Marla Farris-Atkinson and her husband Herb of Roswell, New Mexico. Marla and Herb's girls, Beth Ryan and her children, Belle and Kathryn and their other daughter, Mindy Jensen Tanner and her husband Adam. Their children Eli, Faith and Rowan. Jim's son, JB Farris and his wife, Sarah. Their children Keegan, Jackson and Cullen. Norma is also

survived by her brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Jenny Caldwell; sister-in-laws, Lucille Benthall and Winnie Sandel and husband Joe. Norma is also survived by a host of loving nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 1:00pm. It will be at her church, Fellowship of Huntsville, 3895 Hwy 30 West, Huntsville, TX. Casket will be opened for viewing before the service.

Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com. The family asks that any memorial donations be made to: Fellowship of Huntsville Church, PO Box 1200, Huntsville, TX 77342 or Good Shepard Mission, PO Box 7281, Huntsville, TX 77342.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Fellowship of Huntsville
3895 Hwy 30 West
Huntsville, TX 77340

Graveside Service

FEB 2. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM.

Evergreen Cemetery of San Jacinto County

Tribute Wall



“ *Norma Caldwell Farris*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Ms Farris's passing but Heaven has gained a beautiful soul! Ms Farris was responsible for us being able to get our land and home place over 33 years ago! She was such a blessing to us!! May she rest in peace in our fathers arms in Heaven!!! Charlie and Christie Perkins and family!*

Christie Perkins - February 01, 2022 at 02:02 PM



“ *Jason, Tammy, Justin, Brandon And Kayli lit a candle in memory of Norma Caldwell Farris*



Jason, Tammy, Justin, Brandon and Kayli - January 31, 2022 at 11:48 AM



Jason, Tammy, Justin, Brandon and Kayli Caldwell

Jason, Tammy, Justin, Brandon and Kayli - January 31, 2022 at 11:49 AM



“ *Nancy Hopper lit a candle in memory of Norma Caldwell Farris*



Nancy Hopper - January 30, 2022 at 07:24 PM

MF

“ Marla I am so sorry for the loss of your Mom. She was such a beautiful lady. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Monetta

Monetta Frenza - January 30, 2022 at 02:50 PM

CN

“ Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb lit a candle in memory of Norma Caldwell Farris



Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb - January 30, 2022 at 11:48 AM

SS

“ Marla, I'm so very sorry for your loss. Your mom was such a sweet lady and always had a smile for all she met. Cherish your beautiful memories. 🙏❤️



Sue Sprott - January 29, 2022 at 05:23 PM

PS

“ Marla, I'm so sorry for your loss. Your Mom was such a sweet lady.



pat sprott - January 29, 2022 at 04:58 PM

DM

“ Marla and family- I'm so sorry for your loss. Your mom was such a kind person and always made time to talk to me. She had a great smile and I always enjoyed visiting with her when we'd run into each other. I have many fond memories of her over the years. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Debbie Powell Mitcham.

Debbie Powell Mitcham - January 29, 2022 at 03:47 PM

MW

“ Pictures of Norma I took a couple of years ago.



Mellicent Sikes Wiley - January 29, 2022 at 11:45 AM

MW

“ My heart goes out to Norma's sweet family that she so truly loved & adored. I had the pleasure of working with Norma at Huntsville Savings & Loan. She loved to talk about her precious family, her love of the ranch & her love for her Lord & Savior. She was such a wonderful Christian lady. The last time I saw her was a couple of years ago at Bo Hayman's funeral. We had such a good visit. I took a couple of pictures of her outside. She was still driving & so much fun. She was always so full of life & fun to be around. I know without a doubt that she is in her Heavenly home & having a huge reunion with her family & friends that went on before her.
RIP



Mellicent Sikes Wiley - January 29, 2022 at 11:41 AM

BP

“ *Billie Petwrsn lit a candle in memory of Norma Caldwell Farris*



Billie Petwrsn - January 29, 2022 at 11:14 AM

MH

“ *M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Norma Caldwell Farris*



M. Hyvl - January 29, 2022 at 11:03 AM

LH

“ *Hugs and prayers for all of Norma's family. She was a wonderful lady and will be missed by many friends and family. Tom and Lynda Lanier Henry*

Lynda Henry - January 29, 2022 at 09:23 AM

JJ

“ *I am so very sorry for the loss of this special lady. Such sweet memories and thankful that we were able to visit as neighbors at Carriage Inn. Rest In Peace, I can see the smile on your face .*

Jeannine Jacoby - January 29, 2022 at 08:39 AM

DP

“ Please know that we are praying for your family. May God give you comfort and rest. Carol and Richard Byrd, Jan and Tom Rogers, Donna and Walter Paschall, Mary and Nathan Roe



Donna Robinson Paschall - January 28, 2022 at 08:21 PM

AH

“ Marla, Herb and family, our deepest sympathy to you all. We feel the loss too! The Farris family will always be in our hearts. Wish we could give hugs in person but please know we are with you all in spirit. Anne and Bob Heartfield and family, Sharon and John Shearman and Dan And Barbie Dailey and family and the family of Debbie Kincaid.

Anne Heartfield - January 28, 2022 at 08:09 PM

DH

“ Dianna And Steve Holbrook lit a candle in memory of Norma Caldwell Farris



Dianna and Steve Holbrook - January 28, 2022 at 07:55 PM

TH

“ Thomas & Jennie Hayman lit a candle in memory of Norma Caldwell Farris



Thomas & Jennie Hayman - January 28, 2022 at 06:35 PM

HP

“ Norma was our next door neighbor, 1 house separated us for about 20 years on 15th street. She was a lovely and kind lady. Her and James were the best neighbors you could have. She was very independent, took care of business and was always going somewhere. We want to wish the family our sincere condolences. She will be missed. Marilyn & Hal Phillips

Hal & Marilyn Phillips - January 28, 2022 at 05:24 PM

DJ

There really is no way to fully express what a wonderful Christian lady Norma was. She sold us our first home in 1986 and quickly became like a second mom to me. I know she is in heaven now. I am sorry she is no longer with us here, but that's being sorry for all of us, not for her because she is in a better place. Love and prayers to the entire family.

debbie johnson - January 31, 2022 at 03:34 PM

DN

Marla and family, I am so sorry to learn of Norma's passing. She will be certainly missed by all who knew her. What a great friend she was to me. She was such a Christian lady and well recognized for her love of Christ. May you find comfort in the knowledge that she is with Jesus and your Dad. May God give you comfort in the days ahead, as you lean on Him.

Dorothy Reader Nichols

Dorothy Nichols - February 10, 2022 at 03:09 PM