



## Novis "Kitty" Spence

January 9, 1932 - September 8, 2025

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Novis Lee "Kitty" (Eddings) Spence died in Huntsville, Texas, on September 8, 2025. She was born in Nacogdoches County on January 9, 1932, the middle of three daughters, to Leonard and Hattie (Ainsworth) Eddings. The family moved to Houston in 1937, where Kitty attended Aldine schools. After she graduated from the University of Houston in 1952, she began her lifelong career as an educator in the Aldine School District. She was married on September 10, 1954, to Richard D. Spence, also an educator in Aldine. They had three children: Richard Douglas, Susan Ann, and Gail Elaine. After they retired, they moved to Huntsville in 1995. In 2005, the Aldine School District opened the Richard and Kitty Spence Elementary School to honor their lifetime service.

Predeceasing Kitty are her parents and husband. She is survived by her two sisters, Lindell (James) Taylor and Donnie Caton; her three children, Doug Spence, Susan Denson, and Gail (James Ray) Necker; two grandchildren, Jordy (Ryley) Denson and Garrett (Bailey) Denson; and three great grandchildren, Keaton, Chandler, and Scout, and one on the way.

The Spence family would particularly like to thank special caregiver Glenda Brent and the staff at Creekside Retirement Center for their devoted assistance during Kitty's recent illnesses.

Services will be held Friday, September 12, at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 Normal Park Drive, Huntsville: a private family viewing at 9:30 am, followed by a visitation at 10:00 am, and the funeral service at 11:00 am. A graveside service will follow at Brooke Cemetery, 672 FM 980, Huntsville. In lieu of flowers or gifts, donations may be made to the Kitty Spence Scholarship in Education, care of the Aldine School District, or favorite charity. Memorial condolences to the family may be made at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Brooke Cemetery

672 FM 980  
Huntsville, TX 77320

# Previous Events

## Public Visitation

SEP 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340

## Funeral Service

SEP 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340

## Graveside

SEP 12. 12:30 PM (CT)

Brooke Cemetery  
672 FM 980  
Huntsville, TX 77320



# Tribute Wall



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Novis "Kitty" Spence.*



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September 11, 2025 at 12:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Novis "Kitty" Spence.

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September 11, 2025 at 12:25 PM



“ *I remember Mrs. Spence for her quite logical, efficient, supportive decision-making as an administrator at Aldine High School. The very first day that I met her she was laughing along with Sonny Donaldson. She took me into her office and just told me that I was hired because anyone who could make M.O. Campbell and Mrs. Lane over at personal speechless deserved a job with this district. She knew what to say to her staff to bring the very best out of us. She even sub for me while I was teaching Drivers Education, but she said up front, "I will do the classroom part, but I will not get into the cars". I needed that laugh that day and I left and took care of my personal business. Doug, Susan and Gail cherish your memories with her because she was one in a million.*

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**Liz Wolf** - September 11, 2025 at 03:11 AM

GD

“ Your mom was such a **CLASSY** lady. I know she will forever be missed by her family and friends. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you as you learn to navigate life without her and her great wisdom.

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**Gayla Dupree-Broecker** - September 10, 2025 at 05:02 PM

MG

“ My deepest condolences to the family. As you already know Mrs. Spence will be missed.



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**Mary Lou Garza** - September 09, 2025 at 01:53 PM

MF

“ Lifting up the family and friends of Novis Spence for comfort and healing from our Lord Jesus Christ.



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**Marvin Hyvl & Family** - September 09, 2025 at 10:46 AM

BS

“ There are no words to express how much Kitty meant in our lives. She took Bill, an incredibly quiet, shy new young coach who often appeared unfriendly to many (later discovered loss of hearing) and - with her husband helped him become an incredibly successful football coach at Aldine High School. Coaches wives don't have it easy all the time, but she was always there for me as well. Huge void in our lives now and am sure that is true for many, many more. Please share your personal stories with Kitty. These are a huge way to help family and friends cope with this terribly sad loss.

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**Brenda Beust (Mrs. Bill) Smith** - September 08, 2025 at 10:26 PM

GK

“ Gayle Kelly lit a candle in memory of Novis "Kitty" Spence



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**Gayle Kelly** - September 08, 2025 at 04:37 PM