



## Oselene "Ossie" Nolen

December 1, 1934 - August 2, 2020

Oselene (Ossie) Nolen went home to be with the Lord on August 2, 2020 at Brazos Valley Hospice in Bryan, Texas. She was born on December 1, 1934 in St. Clair County, Alabama to Osmon and Nannie Sims.

Ossie married Charles Douglas (Doug) Nolen on January 30, 1955. Doug and Ossie began their life together in Fort Benning, Georgia, after which Doug was deployed to Korea for 18 months. After living in West Virginia and Pennsylvania for 18 years, Doug and Ossie moved to La Porte, Texas, where Doug retired from Bayer Corporation after a 35-year career as a chemist. In her early 40s, Ossie began her work at the Bayer Heritage Credit Union in Baytown, Texas where she discovered her love of working with people, hearing and sharing their stories, and finding ways to show them the love and mercy of God. In 1999, Doug and Ossie officially retired to Elkins Lake in Huntsville, Texas.

Ossie is survived by her three children Michael Nolen and his wife Laura, Sara Nolen Purvis and her husband Marcus, and Julia Nolen. She is also survived by 9 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

As a beloved wife, Grandmommy, and Great-grandmother, Ossie was known for her banana bread "ministry", faithfully greeting congregants at church, and welcoming strangers and friends alike to her dinner table, always with a grounded & generous spirit and great capacity to love. She always found ways to make the mundane feel special.

As a self-proclaimed recovering perfectionist, Ossie's life is a demonstration of

what it means to live a purposeful life imperfectly – one full of grace, meaning, and connection. Ossie and Doug were married for 63 years, and Ossie said that Doug coming into her life was a testament of God's faithfulness: she repeatedly told her grandchildren that God knew it would take a special man to walk through life with her, and each time Doug would smile.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her honor to University Heights Baptist Church, 2400 Sycamore Ave., Huntsville, TX 77340.

Ossie's family would like to thank University Heights Baptist Church and precious friends and family for their constant prayers and remarkably thoughtful comfort and support. You have shown God's love! Ossie loved you all dearly and you are cherished by us all.

"May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." 2 Corinthians 13:13  
Memorial condolences to the family may be made at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Oselene "Ossie" Nolen



Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - August 12, 2020 at 11:11 AM

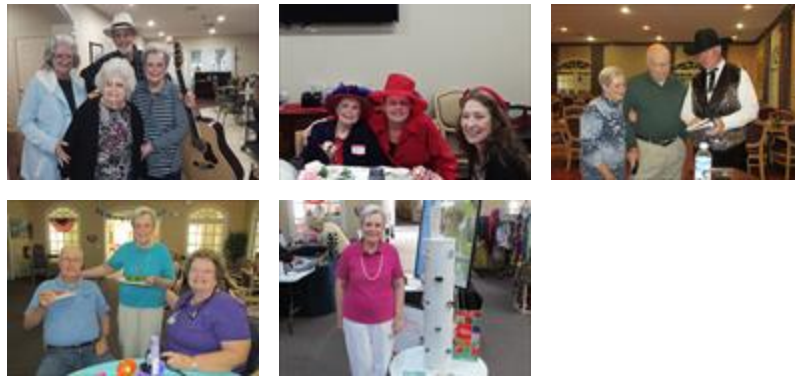


“ Oselene "Ossie" Nolen

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Tracey Holbrook - August 10, 2020 at 04:51 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Oselene "Ossie" Nolen.



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August 07, 2020 at 11:50 AM



“ Ossie was a ray of sunshine in my life and such a blessing. She and Doug brought a lot of joy to Kate and Claire when they were young and were part of the team that made Wednesday suppers special fellowship time where my girls learned to converse with adults. Ossie and Doug ministered to me at a low point in my life and I loved being in their home. I will never forget listening to Ossie's testimony and it has had a lasting impact on my life. She was an encourager, she loved unconditionally and I would like to be like that.

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**Carol Cooper** - August 06, 2020 at 01:00 PM



“ Ossie was a very sweet lady. We were in the choir together Here at Carriage Inn. She is now singing with the angels.

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**Eleanor McWilliams** - August 06, 2020 at 10:47 AM



“ Ozzie was so very nice to me when I came to Carriage Inn. My heart hurts for the loss of this sweet lady. My prayers are with the family during this difficult time.

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**Jeannine Jacoby** - August 06, 2020 at 10:39 AM

JS

“ *One of the sweetest ladies I’ve ever known.  
Always made you feel welcome when she  
greeted at UHBC*

*June Smith*



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**June Smith** - August 06, 2020 at 09:18 AM

 Donnie  
Calvin

“ If asked to make a list of the wonderful saints who have affected my life the most, I would certainly include the name "Ossie Nolen." She and her husband (Doug) were seated in front of us during the very first worship service we attended at University Heights Baptist Church in Huntsville, TX in 2005. During the greeting time, they turned around and introduced themselves (along with Sugar & Poncho Roberts) and invited us to go to lunch with them after church. There was no way we could say, "No," so we agreed. By the time we arrived at the restaurant they had rounded-up another 8-10 couples and had reserved a place for us to sit. They made us feel like "royalty." We had such fun visiting with them that day! There was no doubt that UHBC would be OUR church, as well. When Ossie & Doug decided to sell their house and move to The Carriage Inn in 2016, we were blessed to have been able to purchase their home in Elkins Lake. It was a deal made in heaven (for both parties) and Ossie reminded us of that every time we talked...all the way up to just a few days before she moved to Glory. When we moved into the "Nolen house," we could almost feel the presence of the Spirit of God. Ossie knew her Bible and was a prayer warrior, and she made it her business to make sure you knew that Jesus Christ is the Savior, he redeems souls, He changes lives, and this world is NOT our home as Christians (we're just passing through on the way to something MUCH better). Ossie had such a wonderful ministry at The Carriage Inn - - she didn't believe in "retirement," this was just another place to make the name of Jesus known. When my mom was on hospice in 2017, Ossie made her way to mom's room daily to visit, pray, read Scripture, and sing with her. She helped to make my mom's final weeks on earth more pleasant and to help prepare her for heaven. Over the past few months, Ossie showed us how saints bound for Glory end their earthly journey and prepare for their reward. Each time I spoke with her, she reminded me that she's about to leave, but that she was not the least bit worried or afraid- - she was looking forward to heaven and to seeing our Lord. Yes! That's the way Christians should live - - not getting too comfortable here on earth, but being ready to move on - - knowing that the best is yet to come.

*I shall miss Ossie and her beautiful smile and disposition, but I KNOW that she has made heaven a little brighter and that the only reason to be sad over her passing is that we will be experiencing a temporary physical separation. I rejoice with her and the angels in Glory. She has reached her final destination! PTL!! I love you Ms. Ossie!!!*

*Donnie Calvin*

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**Donnie Calvin** - August 05, 2020 at 10:25 PM

Karen  
England  
Elder

“ *Ossie was so beautiful inside & out! She shared her love for the Lord with everyone she met. What a blessing to have called her friend.*

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**Karen England Elder** - August 05, 2020 at 08:47 PM

DG

“ *Ossie was always very gracious and loving! What a saint!*

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**Dick Gillum** - August 05, 2020 at 07:48 PM

JP

“ *Such a lovely lady, beautiful inside and out. No one could ever replace her. Thank God for her life and what she achieved by witnessing to others.*

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**Joyce Patterson** - August 05, 2020 at 06:52 PM

DE

“ Ossie was one of the sweetest persons I have known. She loved people and loved sharing Christ with everyone she met. I first knew her from First Baptist church in Pasadena. She and Doug taught our Sunday school class. We had many church parties at our house and theirs. She was loved by many and will be missed by many. My love and prayers are with the family.

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Delta English - August 05, 2020 at 08:34 AM

ER

“ Ossie was the sweetest Christian woman I've ever known. Almost 45 years ago, we moved to LaPorte, where Doug and Ossie visited us after we attended their church and I was taking a cake out of oven and we talked and enjoyed coffee & Cake. That visit turned into a great friendship. We took several vacations together over the years. We have cried and laughed. Our families grew close. The guys played golf or fished. Ossie and I shopped and talked 90 miles an hour. My children loved both Ossie & Doug. She was a great comfort to me when my husband, Preston died 10 mo. ago. I count it a great honor to have called her my friend!!! I will see you in Heaven someday.

Love, Emma Rachal

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Emma Rachal - August 04, 2020 at 11:34 PM

MH

“ M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Oselene "Ossie" Nolen



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M. Hyvl - August 04, 2020 at 07:06 PM

GL

“ *One of the sweetest ladies I ever met. So enjoyed seeing her smiling face in the Elkins Lake office.*

*Thoughts and prayers are with the family, and May God Bless you ALL!*

*Gwen Lucas  
Huntsville, TX*

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**Gwen S Lucas** - August 04, 2020 at 05:40 PM