



## Roberta Newkirk Prater

September 11, 1942 - October 2, 2019

Bert Prater passed away on October 2, 2019, at HCA Conroe Hospital in Conroe Texas. She was born September 11, 1942 in Conroe to John and Mary Newkirk.

Bert as a young girl lived with her grandmother in Cut and Shoot as her father was in the Navy. She later traveled with parents as the Navy moved them, living in California and Nevada where she graduated from Rancho high school 1960. After high school, she held many jobs from working at a newspaper in Las Vegas to owning a business and later driving a bus for CISD. One of her greatest passions in life was her work with kids with disabilities as she would say, they fed her soul and really never felt it was a job but her second love. Bert married Sonny on November 13th 1966 in Conroe Tx. They were happily married for 53 years. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, hosting and cooking for the Thanksgiving family reunion, traveling and bowling.

Bert is survived by husband Sonny, son Michael Cannon, son John Prater, son and daughter in law Kevin and Jackie Prater and daughter and son in law Johnna and Chuck Baxley. Grandchildren Ty Cannon, Kayla and Linzy Prater, Jarrod and Brandon Prater, Sonny Prater and Kevin Kulow. Aunt and Uncle Leona and James Reneau, many cousins.

Bert was preceded in death by her parents John and Mary Newkirk, Uncle RB and Aunt Williemaie Atkinson, Aunt Juanita Gunter, daughter in law Mandy Cannon.

Celebration of Life is scheduled for Saturday, October 5, from 6-8 PM at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Willis.

# Previous Events

## CELBERATION OF LIFE

OCT 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Willis  
10129 FM 1097 Rd W.  
Willis, TX 77318  
(936) 890-0454  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Roberta Newkirk Prater*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Sweet Aunt Bert, loved your smile and loving spirit, keeping you in my heart forever and always*❤️

**Lynn Craig** - October 07, 2019 at 08:53 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Roberta Newkirk Prater.*



October 05, 2019 at 11:59 AM



“ *This candle is for the family... to remind us of that beautiful spirit of Bert...we love you Lady*



**Mary Prater Poppenhusen** - October 05, 2019 at 11:50 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Roberta Newkirk Prater.*



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October 05, 2019 at 08:34 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Roberta Newkirk Prater.*



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October 05, 2019 at 05:41 AM



“ *A beautiful lady who gave sound advice and shared her knowledge. She will be missed by so many.*

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**Rhonda Rutherford** - October 05, 2019 at 01:15 AM



“ *Tena Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Roberta Newkirk Prater*



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**Tena Carpenter** - October 04, 2019 at 11:45 PM

JL

“ Bert, you were an amazing person and will be missed by so many. I know that your in a better place. Our hearts are broken but you are in great company! Give Mandy a hug for me. Love you bunches.



Jackie Lechinger - October 04, 2019 at 11:38 PM



“ I always admired you and I'm glad I had the pleasure of working with you. Thank you so much for making a transition easier when my husband and I adopted our children. I was so glad you were their driver. You will be missed!

Amy Wolf

Amy Wolf - October 04, 2019 at 07:19 PM

SH

So grateful for the sweet memories from our childhood playing together and spending time together.

Sandra Groce Harris - October 04, 2019 at 10:40 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roberta Newkirk Prater.



October 04, 2019 at 12:31 PM

LW

“ I will miss you dearly my beautiful friend. I will always love you.



Lynn Weimar - October 04, 2019 at 11:00 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roberta Newkirk Prater.



October 04, 2019 at 09:43 AM

MT

“ Mary, Donnie, Thanh, Spencer, Ryan & Trevor purchased the Rays of Light Spray for the family of Roberta Newkirk Prater.



Mary, Donnie, Thanh, Spencer, Ryan & Trevor - October 03, 2019 at 08:38 PM

AT

“ Alsie, Colby, Greg, Glenn and Tom purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Roberta Newkirk Prater.



Alsie, Colby, Greg, Glenn and Tom - October 03, 2019 at 10:00 AM

MH

“ *M Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Roberta Newkirk Prater*



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**M Hyvl** - October 02, 2019 at 03:53 PM