

Verla Faye Cook

December 26, 1936 - August 1, 2019

Verla Faye Stewart Cook was born December 26, 1936, and went to be with her Lord on August 1, 2019. Verla was born in Riverside, Texas to Thomas Edward and Cornelia Ione Stewart (Foster). Verla grew up in Riverside, taught Sunday school, sang in the choir at the Riverside Methodist Church as well as Riverside Baptist Church. She graduated from Huntsville High School in 1954 and attended college at Sam Houston State University. Verla married John William Cook in September of 1954, and together they raised their family in Riverside, Tx. Verla had a love of politics and civic duty, and she turned to politics as a city councilman in Riverside from 1977-1979. She was mayor pro tem from 1979-1980 and was elected Mayor from 1980-1988. Verla worked for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice from 1971 until her retirement in 1998.

Verla is preceded in death by father, mother, twin sister Verna Maye Stewart and sister Ruth Clark.

Verla is survived by her husband John William Cook, son John Wayne Cook and wife Kathy of Huntsville, TX, daughter Lynne Voskamp, and husband Carl of Bandera, TX, and daughter Patricia Anne Farnholtz and husband Joseph of Schererville, IN. Verla, whom many knew as Nana has seven grandchildren Toni Fisseler (TJ) John Cook III (Mandy), Lisa Michelle Blevins (John), Terri Slayden (Jimmy), David Cook, Matthew Shoemaker, and Colleen Cook. She was a beloved aunt to Diane Keene (Roger), and Russell Clark (Brenda).

Verla is also survived by ten great-grandchildren, one great-great-

granddaughter and numerous cousins.

Verla enjoyed living the country life on Cook Ranch in Crabbs Prairie, spending time with her family and friends and rooting for God's favorite team, the Dallas Cowboys. She was an avid book reader, and there was always a word search puzzle close at hand. She and William took many road trips to Louisiana and Livingston as she loved the sound of the slot machines. Verla will be deeply missed by those who love her.

Visitation will be Friday, August 9, 2019, from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville and funeral services are on Saturday, August 10, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. Burial immediately following in Riverside at the Pioneer Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the nurses, nursing assistants and staff of Texas Home Health Hospice for their kindness and compassionate care.

Pallbearers are John William Cook III, David Cook, John William Cook IV, T.J. Fisseler, Jimmy Slayden and Kyle Fisseler. Honorary pallbearers are Dr. John Blevins, Matthew Shoemaker, and Jacob Sherouse.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Pioneer Cemetery

First street past FM 980 & Hwy 19
Riverside, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 9. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

AUG 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Verla Faye Cook*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Terry Massie lit a candle in memory of Verla Faye Cook*



Terry Massie - August 30, 2019 at 07:41 AM



“ *Annette Massie Hunnicutt lit a candle in memory of Verla Faye Cook*



Annette Massie Hunnicutt - August 30, 2019 at 07:40 AM



“ *I hope SHMFH puts the video or the pictures used in it on this site under the photos & videos tab. I didn't get a chance to see it at the service.*

DeeAnn Novakosky - August 10, 2019 at 01:58 PM

DN

“ As I left the service for Verla today I had another funny memory.... I was a computer trainer for TDC and when Verla took my class she told me the only mouse she had ever handled was a dead one. The whole class got a laugh out of that. Spunky lady!

DeeAnn Novakosky - August 10, 2019 at 01:57 PM

GK

“ Gayle Speard Kelly lit a candle in memory of Verla Faye Cook



Gayle Speard Kelly - August 09, 2019 at 06:17 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Verla Faye Cook.



August 09, 2019 at 03:14 PM

MT

“ Dear Colleen and family: Please know we are praying for all of your family during this sad time: Love, Uncle BeBe, Aunt Diane and Lacey.



Marion Tomczak - August 08, 2019 at 04:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Verla Faye Cook.*



August 08, 2019 at 12:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Verla Faye Cook.*



August 06, 2019 at 08:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Verla Faye Cook.*



August 06, 2019 at 11:41 AM



“ *Cheryl Mayo lit a candle in memory of Verla Faye Cook*



Cheryl Mayo - August 05, 2019 at 05:47 PM

CM

So deeply sorry my friend of the loss of your sweet mamma.

Cheryl Mayo - August 05, 2019 at 05:46 PM

PF

Thank you, Cheryl

Pat Farnholtz - August 06, 2019 at 08:29 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Verla Faye Cook.*



August 05, 2019 at 10:13 AM

KW

“ *Pat, I'm saddened to hear of your Mom's passing. I remember her from those days in Riverside. May peace be with you.*

Kathy Wooley - August 05, 2019 at 07:27 AM

PF

Thank you, Kathy. Still so hard to believe she's gone.

Patricia Farnholtz - August 05, 2019 at 02:26 PM

CW

“ *Carolyn Watson lit a candle in memory of Verla Faye Cook*



Carolyn Watson - August 04, 2019 at 12:01 PM

SM

“ Peace to this house and family in Jesus name (Luke 10:5).

Sandy K Murphy - August 03, 2019 at 06:45 PM

MH

“ M. Hyvl lit a candle in memory of Verla Faye Cook



M. Hyvl - August 03, 2019 at 10:30 AM

RK

“ Ramona Ready Koch lit a candle in memory of Verla Faye Cook

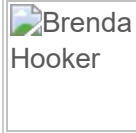


Ramona Ready Koch - August 03, 2019 at 10:14 AM

RK

“ I will miss u so much Verla, all my visits to Cook Ranch were such good memories I'll cherish forever. Prayers for everyone. Love u bunches

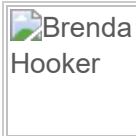
Ramona Ready Koch - August 03, 2019 at 10:14 AM



“ *Brenda Hooker purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Verla Faye Cook.*



Brenda Hooker - August 02, 2019 at 08:51 PM



“ *I am so sad to hear of her passing. So many days spent with Pat at the house in Riverside. Sweet Mom.*

Brenda Hooker - August 02, 2019 at 08:47 PM



“ *Verla was a feisty lady who I'm thankful was my friend. We worked together in Human Resources years ago and she really helped me build a backbone during a hard personal situation. She was the tester for TDC back in the day and that is where I first met her. Praying for William and the family. I know she will be missed.*

DeeAnn - August 02, 2019 at 05:06 PM



Verla was a great friend! When we both worked at the old Admin building at TDC several of us would meet at the break room every morning. So sorry to hear this. Will keep her family in my prayers. Patricia Coleman

patricia Coleman - August 02, 2019 at 09:29 PM

DP

Verla was a sweet, wonderful special Angel!! I thank the LORD for having the Honor to know Verla. She has a very special place in my heart. May the LORD bless her and her family. Prayers for Wayne , Kathy and the Cook family.

"LiL David"

David and Rose Paluka

David L Paluka - August 03, 2019 at 11:16 AM

LR

“ Love, Diane and Rocky purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Verla Faye Cook.



Love, Diane and Rocky - August 02, 2019 at 04:47 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Verla Faye Cook.



August 02, 2019 at 03:10 PM

MW

“ I’m so sorry for your loss!!! Verla was a sweet lady to work with. She loved her family. She will be missed.

*Mellicent Wiley-Huntsville
Bobby Wiley II-Austin
Heath Wiley-Huntsville
Heather & Jason Christian & Taylor & Tyler-Spring
Justin & Joanna Wiley & Tess & Tori*



Mellicent Sikes Wiley - August 02, 2019 at 03:05 PM

DP

“ I have known and loved the Cook family my entire life. May God give you comfort and peace. My prayers are with you. Love, Donna Sue Robinson Paschall HHS '74



Donna Paschall - August 02, 2019 at 03:02 PM

LV

Thank you Donna-the Robinson's have been very special to us over the years 😊

Lynne Voskamp - August 03, 2019 at 12:41 PM