



Vernice Comella

August 12, 1923 - December 7, 2017

Ella Vernice Stutts Comella (Vernice) as she wanted to be called. She was born in Phelps, Walker County Texas to Richard Bryant Stutts, and Lou Ella Fails Stutts on August 12, 1923 and went to be our Lord on December 07, 2017. Her family later moved to the Crabbs Prairie Area and she attended Crabbs Prairie School and later Sam Houston Institute of Technology. Vernice worked at the Avon Theater as an usherette in Huntsville in the 1940's while attending school. She then met her Husband Michael Albert Comella by mail while corresponding with her cousin Horace Fails who was serving in the same Army unit during World War II. After seeing a picture of her, Michael asked Horace if he could write to her. After the war Michael came to Huntsville where they dated until their marriage at Cook Springs Baptist Church on December 2, 1945. They had one Son Michael Addison Comella born on December 16, 1949. She worked for Doctor Sternberg a local dentist as a dental technician, working along side of Mrs. Mavis Chalker. Vernice later went to work for the City of Huntsville as a meter maid and worked along side of Rita Henry and later Francis Knight. During that time, she asked Chief Vance Hayman if she could attend the Houston Police Academy in Houston, Texas. Chief Hayman then sponsored her as a candidate in the Police Academy. After work Vernice attended the evening classes at the Houston Police Academy. After completing the Houston Police Academy courses, she became a Certified Commissioned Texas Police Officer making her the first female officer in Huntsville. She served the City of Huntsville alongside her

husband Lt. Michael Albert Comella. While continuing to write parking tickets most people shouldn't have argued with her on the street because she elected to carry her 38 Police Revolver and handcuffs in a special shoulder bag with her ticket book instead of on her hip. There was not a person she wouldn't write a .25 cent parking ticket to including her own son. Then on her next round she would stop at City Hall and pay his parking ticket for him. Vernice would assist Huntsville Police Department and Walker County Sheriff's Department with the search and transport of female offenders to and from other cities as needed. Vernice later retired from the City of Huntsville with over 20 + years of Service. After retirement she enjoyed going to the Walker County Senior Center where she loved to play the domino games 42, chicken foot and also playing bingo. After her dementia progressed she came to live with her son, she would sit on the couch and say "I Got It! I Got It"! as if she was still playing those games. She always asked "Are we going anywhere?" Even in church she hollered "Are we going anywhere?"

Vernice was preceded in death by her Husband Michael Albert Comella, parents Richard Bryant Stutts and Lou Ella Fails Stutts, brothers Vernon Lamar Stutts and Alvin Leyon Stutts.

Vernice is survived by her son Michael Addison Comella and wife Nita Smith Comella, grandsons Michael Eric Comella, Sean Bryant Comella and wife Wendy Gauge Comella, granddaughter Sharon Evette Graham and husband Ronald Graham Jr. also 1 great grandson and 8 great granddaughters. Other family members aunt Vivian Fails Moore, sister-in-law Jo Beth McAdams Stutts, 9 nieces, 1 nephew and many cousins.

Family will receive friends 5:30 – 7:30pm on Thursday, December 14, 2017 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, Huntsville, Texas. Services will be held at 10:00am on Friday, December 15, 2017 in the chapel of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, Huntsville, Texas. At 2:00pm on Friday, December, 15th, Mrs. Comella will be laid to rest next to her husband at Houston National Cemetery.

Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at ww

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Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **14.** 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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

Service

DEC **15.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
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Graveside Service

DEC **15.** 2:00 PM (CT)

Houston National Cemetery
10410 Veterans Memorial Dr
Houston, TX 77038
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/houston.asp>

Tribute Wall



“ Vernice Comella

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ Such a sweet lady. Lots of memories of her and Mike

Jeannine Jacoby - December 15, 2017 at 07:53 AM



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Michael A. Comella - December 10, 2017 at 07:57 AM



“ My prayers to the family of Vernice Comella for comfort and peace during this time. I know she is with our Lord in heaven. I moved to Huntsville and met both her and her husband, Mike, along with their family. I was privileged to have know both of them for years having many wonderful memories at work and away from work. Thank you family for allowing me to share these memories.



M. Hyvl

M. Hyvl - December 08, 2017 at 09:48 PM

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“ Vernice and Mike were fixtures in Huntsville. They were both great people!

Mark T Chalker - December 08, 2017 at 06:12 PM

JM

Venice and Mike had the respect of all in huntsville and participated in the rearing of all our children. When our children were out and being a little mischievous they attended to the situation directly but with love. Thank you Mike. Thank you Vernice. June mcaffety

June mcaffety - December 08, 2017 at 07:55 PM