



Elva Mae Banks

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Service December 30, 2018 with Roger Williams officiating

Elva Banks, Matriarch of five generations, is spending this Christmas and eternity in Heaven, reunited with the only man she ever loved, Jessie Ray Banks, who preceded her in death in 1972.

The best Mom EVER to Helen Ward and husband, Greg, of Roanoke, TX; proud Memaw to Beckey Poer of Grapevine, TX, and Richard Ward, who preceded her in death in 1987; Great-Memaw to Keller Detention Officer, Chandler Vilbig, of North Richland Hills, TX, and Aggie Sophomore, Makenzy Kunkel, of College Station, TX; Great-great Memaw to Gunner Lane Vilbig and Delilah Marie Campbell; Aunt, Great Aunt, and Great-great Aunt to many; Friend to everyone she met.

Born December 6, 1930, in Bells, TX., she had just celebrated her 88th birthday with dinner at her favorite place, Red Lobster. Elva was the last survivor of her siblings, Jack, Jim, Melvin, Adaline, Mollie, and Mary, born to Joseph Bernard and Geneva Keitz.

Elva's extreme, strength and outrageous zest for life started as she was growing up during the Great Depression. She always put family and friends first and delighted in seeing them smile. She was strong-willed and hard-headed, yet always kind and generous.

Jessie and Elva married December 24, 1949. Their relationship was based on strong Christian values and total commitment. They provided a wonderful upbringing for their only child and were also "second parents" to all of Helen's friends. Elva continued to December 19 to be a "second Mom".

Elva loved Christmas, shopping, cooking, sewing, reading, and traveling for sightseeing. She attended school in Bells, TX., and graduated from Grayson College in Sherman, TX., in 1972, with a degree in nursing. She retired from the Bonham VA Hospital.

Sincere thanks to Gary Sipes, Trophy Club EMS; Scott Voigt, Trophy Club Police Department; Joel Quile', Trophy Club Police Department Chaplain. Their professionalism and genuine compassion will be remembered always.

Events

DEC **Celebration of Life Service** 12:00PM - 02:00PM

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Lucas Funeral Home - Grapevine

700 W. Wall Street, Grapevine, TX, US, 76051

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Lucas Funeral Home - January 11 at 11:52 AM



“ I remember meeting her the first time. Always a smile, laughter, and made one blessed to have met her. Hugs to Heaven!

Sharon Seidler-Roennau - December 30, 2018 at 12:10 PM



“ She always thought of you and Peyton as family.

Helen Ward - December 31, 2018 at 02:20 AM



“ Between her, my Aunt Sis, and my mom I stayed in trouble because between the three of them I couldn't get by with anything. She was like an extra mom. She was a blessing at our Fourth of July get together and I really enjoyed our visit. She was a very special and sweet lady.

Don and Margie

Margie Patterson - December 30, 2018 at 09:10 AM



“ She talked about that get together for months and so wanted to be able to go again. Thanks for giving her years of great memories. Love y'all.

Helen Ward - December 31, 2018 at 02:21 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Elva Mae Banks.





“ My dearest Aunt Elva, your passing has left a huge hole in my heart. You were "My Other Mom". You were always sweet, gentle, and loving to me. you talked to me, listned to me, and understood me. You let me practice my driving skills in your car around Luella before I got my license. You are now with Uncle Jessie, your only true love. May God rejoice in your presence! You are sorely missed here on earth.

Charles Banks - December 28, 2018 at 07:02 PM



“ Thanks Charles. You were very special to her!

Helen Ward - December 29, 2018 at 01:36 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elva Mae Banks.



December 27, 2018 at 04:45 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Elva Mae Banks.



December 26, 2018 at 06:37 PM



“ My sweet Mom. She always put others first, loved her family and friends, and lived to see them smile.

Helen Ward - December 21, 2018 at 01:09 AM



“ Sorry for your loss prayers for you all. She was always fun to with could set for hours and listen to her and Mary talk.

Kathy reach - December 27, 2018 at 08:00 PM