



Joe Love Nelson

September 1, 1936 - September 7, 2023

Longtime Lubbock resident and civic leader, Joe Love Nelson, died Thursday, September 7, 2023 in her home surrounded by family. She leaves behind a strong and impressive legacy of community service and advocacy.

Nelson was born Joe Love Stogner in Hobart, Oklahoma on September 1, 1936 to Charles H (Chalky) Stogner and Ruby Love Culwell Stogner. She was very proud of her Chickasaw heritage. Her family moved to Lubbock in 1948. She attended Carol Thompson Junior High, Lubbock High School, and Texas Tech University, where she earned a BA in Foreign Language. On August 31, 1957, she married her high school sweetheart, George Howard Nelson.

Joe Love was a driving force in the Lubbock Community, the State of Texas, the United States, and world-wide volunteering her time and skills for the benefit of many organizations. Her service on boards and as a volunteer includes the Texas Council on Family Violence, Camp Fire Girls, Well Baby Clinic, South Plains Chapter of the National Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse, Ballet Lubbock, Marion Moss Enterprises, Milam's Children's Training Center, Fiestas Del LLano, Children's Miracle Network, Lubbock Interagency Action Council, League of Women Voters, Lubbock Domestic Violence Task Force, Zeta Tau Alpha, YWCA of Lubbock, YWCA National Board of Directors, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People and the Junior League of Lubbock, through which she founded Women's Protective Services of Lubbock, her crowning achievement. She served as the executive director of WPS for 10

years and retired after she brought the agency to a state of financial stability and robust community support.

Joe Love was the recipient of many awards including Texas Council on Family Violence Catherine Chambers Volunteer of the Year Award, Women Helping Women Award by the Soroptimist Club, Gold Medal Award by Women in Communications, Community Volunteer of the Year by the Texas Department of Human Services, Roy Bass Human Services Volunteer of the Year by the City of Lubbock, Pathfinder Award by the Lubbock Committee for Women, and Women of Excellence Special Award by the YWCA of Lubbock.

Joe Love was predeceased by her parents and her baby sister, Catherine Frank Stogner Jarrell. She is survived by her husband of 66 years, George Howard Nelson, her four children, Eric Nelson of Lubbock, Margie Nelson Keith of Charlotte, N.C., Elizabeth Nelson and husband Kirby Mauldin of Lubbock, and John Nelson of Lubbock, a brother, Charles H. Stogner, Jr. of Houston, seven grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, September 11, 2023 at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 4600 48th St. Lubbock, Texas. The service can be viewed live on [YouTube.com\@CovenantPresbyterianChurch-LBK](https://www.youtube.com/@CovenantPresbyterianChurch-LBK)\streams. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Women's Protective Services of Lubbock, Inc., P.O. Box 54089, Lubbock, Texas 79453, or your favorite charity.

Cemetery Details

Miller Crematory

202 Avenue Q
Lubbock, TX 79415

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

Covenant Presbyterian Church
4600 48th Street
Lubbock, TX 79414

Tribute Wall

SH

“ 11 files added to the tribute wall



Su Hess - September 17, 2023 at 05:45 PM

DM

“ George, Margie, Eric, Elizabeth, and John: I am so sorry for your loss. No one told me that she was even sick. I didn't know the names of all our relatives at family reunions but I knew who George and Jo Love were. Jo Love always seemed so elegant and poised. She also knew how to have fun and was always kind to me. My prayers are with your family.

Deanna Hackney Mayberry - September 14, 2023 at 11:28 PM

GM

“ Uncle George, Elizabeth, Margie, John, and Eric: the service was lovely and y'all did a superb job paying tribute to this wonderful woman. It was great getting to see all of you, even if under such sad circumstances. Aunt Joe will be missed by many. I'll have you know, we had a neighbor bring over lasagna the other day because of Aunt Joe's death.....maybe he didn't realize my aunt lived in Lubbock??????

Ginny Stogner McDavid - September 13, 2023 at 01:34 PM

GM

“ 4 files added to the album *Memories of Aunt Joe*



Ginny Stogner McDavid - September 13, 2023 at 01:10 PM

GM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ginny Stogner McDavid - September 13, 2023 at 01:07 PM

GM

This was at the Nelson household. Margie is standing next to Aunt Joe.

Ginny Stogner McDavid - September 13, 2023 at 05:09 PM

SR

“ *Sweet Joe Love will be missed by so many. The service was lovely and was a real tribute to her and her life well lived. Love to all of you. Sandra Rushing*

Sandra Rushing - September 11, 2023 at 04:40 PM

CB

“ *The angels are rejoicing at your homecoming beautiful lady. You will surely hear the Lord say to you Well done thy good and faithful servant. You started with a little and with my grace, compassion and mercy into serving many.*

Carolyn Braudrick - September 11, 2023 at 02:15 PM

CH

“ *Chuck, Sandy, Brooks and Harper purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Joe Love Nelson.*



Chuck, Sandy, Brooks and Harper - September 11, 2023 at 02:15 PM

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“ *Chuck, Sandy, Brooks and Harper planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joe Love Nelson.*

Chuck, Sandy, Brooks and Harper - September 11, 2023 at 02:15 PM

RF

“ *Raeland Blackerby Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Joe Love Nelson.*



Raeland Blackerby Family - September 11, 2023 at 12:23 AM

RF

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Raeland Blackerby Family - September 11, 2023 at 12:23 AM

VG

“ Joe Love was the very definition of a committed, dynamic and fun-loving lady. She will truly missed

Vicki Gay - September 10, 2023 at 09:06 PM

KN

“ To George , Margie, Elizabeth, John & Eric :
My sympathies and deep condolences. Joe Love really was a “love” and very welcoming and dear to both me and my family. May God come near now and bless you with His comfort & peace.
With Love- Karen Williams Nelson

Karen Nelson - September 09, 2023 at 05:44 PM

BF

“ Bert and family purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Joe Love Nelson.



Bert and family - September 09, 2023 at 02:11 PM

BF

“ Bert and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joe Love Nelson.

Bert and family - September 09, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Joe Love Nelson.*



September 09, 2023 at 01:02 PM



“ *Mara Echols lit a candle in memory of Joe Love Nelson*



Mara Echols - September 09, 2023 at 12:49 PM



“ *I just read this and I am very sorry for your loss. I have many fond memories of your mom and dad. She was a great lady and funny, funny, funny. I am praying for you all.*

Tony Malone - September 09, 2023 at 11:25 AM