



## Mary Venita Elkins

October 21, 1952 - June 17, 2023

Mary Venita Peek Elkins, 70 of Lubbock, Texas passed away June 17, 2023.

She was born October 21, 1952, in Haskell, Tx. to Charley Peek and Vonnell Peek. Mary and Zachary Elkins were married on January 12, 1985. She was employed by TTU in the Institutional Research Department, retiring in 2021 after 23 years. She loved to cook, to entertain, to travel and to meet new people. Mary loved life and touring on the back of a motorcycle behind Zack was her favorite way to experience the world around her.

Mary was a loving wife to Zack and a devoted mother to Zane Elkins.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Charley and Vonnell Peek.

She is survived by husband Zack, son Zane, sister Vona Palmer and aunt Loucetia Flowers as well as other family members.

Services for Mary will be held Monday, June 26, 2023 at 10:00 AM in Sanders Memorial Chapel with Pastor Jarid McCool officiating. Graveside services will follow in the City of Lubbock Cemetery. The family suggests casual dress due to the hot weather. Please join us in celebrating Mary's life by visiting [www.sandersfuneralhome.com](http://www.sandersfuneralhome.com).

In lieu of flowers in remembrance of Mary, please consider a donation to MEALS ON WHEELS or to your favorite cancer research charity.

# Cemetery Details

## City of Lubbock Cemetery

2011 E 31st Street  
Lubbock, TX 79404

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JUN **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sanders Memorial Chapel  
1420 Main Street  
Lubbock, TX 79401

# Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Venita Elkins



Sanders Funeral Home - June 26, 2023 at 09:24 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Life Tributes



Sanders Funeral Home - June 26, 2023 at 09:17 AM



“ 97 files added to the album Life Tributes



Sanders Funeral Home - June 24, 2023 at 01:03 PM

“ I’ve been thinking about what I could possibly say that fully encompasses what Mary meant to me since I knew there was a tribute wall. There are absolutely no words, but there are so many memories, so I’ll do my best.

*I have always considered Mary as my second mother (and sometimes my preferred mother). Many people are blessed with one amazing mom, but I had two. Often times, in my youth, I preferred Mary over my own because she was a light and a joy that is beyond compare. The way she cut an apple (in half with the core scooped out), her cheese quesadilla (double fold with salt on the tortilla), the way she just in general supplied me and Zane with quick snacks/drinks, motivation, and joy to keep us going on our sunup to sundown adventures. She was our break. She was our motivator. She was our listening ear. She was always our preferred stop.*

*She also never shied away from disciplining me, to my great disappointment because she was supposed to be my fun mother. However, looking back, I know that I was as important to her as she was to me. She treated me like she would a daughter. I went on family trips with them, I went to a family reunion with them; I was family to Mary and she was family to me.*

*One of my absolute favorite memories is when I was starting to figure out my style with clothing. My mom and I had just come back from the store and I did a family fashion show, but I desperately wanted to show Mary what I had picked out. I ran down the street in my favorite outfit to show her. They were all in the car headed somewhere, but they stopped. Mary said how wonderful it was that I was finding myself, I looked amazing, and she was proud of me. My heart filled up and I went home proud of myself.*

*On a different note, I know for a fact my son (who I consider to be her grandson) was influenced by her prayer and I am so saddened she did not get to truly appreciate and love on him. However, I know*

*I will forever be changed, as a mother, because of her influence. He will experience her through me because I hope to be Wyatt's and his friends' prefeed pit stop.*

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**Hannah McCorkle** - June 23, 2023 at 11:01 PM

VB

*Beautiful tribute* ❤️

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**Vickie Byrne** - June 24, 2023 at 01:29 AM

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“*In 1993, Mary, Zack, and Zane moved into the house 3 doors down from mine. When I took my very first walk to Mary's house that bright summer day, and we exchanged the first basic information about our families, she immediately invited my three kids to Zane's birthday party that weekend at McDonald's. That was just like Mary! She always acted on her big-hearted and loving impulses. Mary went out of her way to include me and my family in so many things over the years, and she was a second mother (one that was very hard to live up to!) to my daughter, Hannah. During our thirty year friendship, Mary was an unfailingly good listener and wise counselor. She will be missed beyond the ability of my poor words to express. The name Mary means "blessed." Our Mary was certainly blessed - by a loving husband, a devoted son, and countless friends - but she lived her life as if her name was her Devine instruction; through her actions of love, generosity, and compassion, Mary was a blessing to us all.*

*Elizabeth*

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**Elizabeth Lehman** - June 23, 2023 at 10:53 AM

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“ I first met Mary at the Texas Tech Women’s Club. We served on the Board together and became friends. Mary was so very dedicated to the students who received scholarships from the Women’s club. She worked closely with TTU to ensure everything was in order and the students were awarded. She served as President for the last several years. Mary was always there when I needed her. She took care of my crazy beagle, included me in family meals so I would not be alone, and we were frequent lunch buddies. Mary was a special and very dear friend. She always thought of others and was so kind and giving. I will miss her very very much. It isn’t easy to find a friend as special as Mary.

Debbie - June 22, 2023 at 11:54 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Venita Elkins.



June 22, 2023 at 03:02 PM

DP

“ Dewayne & Debbie Peek purchased the Simply E legant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Venita Elkins.



Dewayne & Debbie Peek - June 22, 2023 at 12:40 PM

JB

“ I first met Mary when we both worked at TTU. We connected again while serving at LMOW. What a great person and friend. She will be missed.

*Joan bBlackmon*

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**Joan Blackmon** - June 22, 2023 at 12:34 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Venita Elkins.



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June 22, 2023 at 11:50 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Venita Elkins.

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June 22, 2023 at 11:50 AM

LI

“ Mary was such a sweet and caring woman. We enjoyed getting to know her during her time volunteering at Lubbock Meals on Wheels. She was always smiling and happy to help. She will be missed. We wish her dear family and friends peace and comfort during this difficult time. Lisa Gilliland - Lubbock Meals on Wheels

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**Lisa** - June 21, 2023 at 06:41 PM