



Nita Nelavene Terry

October 22, 1933 - May 12, 2023

Our mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend passed from this life into the next on May 12, 2023. To say we are heartbroken is an understatement, but we know that she is making everyone laugh in heaven. Nita Nelavene Vaughan Terry was born in Winters, TX on October 22, 1933. She was the 2nd of 5 children of Clara Marie Baggett Vaughan, and Ercel Edgar Vaughan. She graduated from Winters high school a year early, and then left for Texas Tech to start on her nursing degree. She graduated from Lubbock Memorial School of nursing with a Registered Nurse (RN) degree. On April 18, 1954 she married Lee Kimbrough with whom she had 2 children - Nancy Leigh (1955), and Robert Kyle (1957). They divorced in 1965. Mom worked for 56 years as a nurse, until she was 77 years old. She worked in many different places, in many different capacities. Her great love was for the elderly. Probably in the last 35 years of her career she worked with home health, and in nursing homes, which is how she met her 2nd husband - O.A. Terry. She took care of his wife before she passed away. Mom and Mr. Terry were married for 13 very happy years until he died in 1993. After that mom continued to work as a nurse. She received awards and accolades during her nursing career. She was the director of nurses at several facilities, and taught CNA classes to many. She received the award for Director of Nurses of the year in 1990. We still run into people who tell us what a great nurse she was, and how they enjoyed working with her. Our mom is survived by her 2 children, Nancy Elliott (John) of Lubbock, and Kyle Kimbrough (Carol) of

Denver, CO. Also 7 grandchildren - Averil Cunningham (Eric), Curri Hildebrand (Jackson), Kolby Kimbrough (Annette), Kayla Purdy (Tyson), Bayli Allegretto (A.J.), Kirby Kimbrough (Brenay), and Kyra Washington (Eric). Her real joy was her 19 great grandchildren. She had her picture made with each one. She is also survived by 4 brothers - Arlen Vaughan (Janet), Pat Vaughan (Barbara), Gary Vaughan (Beverly), and Jim Vaughan (Sherry). A memorial celebration of life service will be held for close family and friends at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Texas Tech School of Nursing.

Cemetery Details

Miller Crematory

202 Avenue Q
Lubbock, TX 79415

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 3. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Sanders Memorial Chapel
1420 Main Street
Lubbock, TX 79401

Tribute Wall



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