



Dorlene Marie Harris

February 10, 1922 - March 8, 2023

Dorlene Underwood Harris of La Ward, Texas passed away on March 8, 2023 at the age of 101. She was born in Dublin, Texas on February 10, 1922 to the late Fred Davis Underwood and Ethel Faye Lemmons Underwood. She was raised on a farm in Erath County and grew up with three sisters, and a brother. After graduating from Dublin High School, she attended Tarleton College and graduated in 1941. She then attended North Texas State Teachers College in Denton, Texas and graduated in 1943. She moved to Port Lavaca, Texas to become the Calhoun County Home Extension Agent. She told her mother she would only be there for a one year contract, but she met Oscar Harris, the love of her life. They were married December 27, 1948 in Kerrville, Texas. Dorlene and Oscar were married fifty seven and a half years until his passing in June 2006. They raised their two daughters, Melinda and Nancy in La Ward. Dorlene was employed the final twenty years of her career with Texas Department of Human Services in Edna, Texas where she retired in 1985. After retirement, she enjoyed spending time with friends, and family, and also loved gardening, cooking, and sewing for her grandchildren. She was a devout Christian and brought joy and kindness to everyone she met. She was a lifelong member of Ganado Church of Christ until 2009, when she had to move away due to health reasons. She is survived by her daughter, Nancy McBee (Arnie) of San Antonio, TX, grandchildren, Julie Burris (Nick) of Rohnert Park, CA, Adam McBee (Juliana) of San Antonio, TX, great grandchildren, Ayden Clarke, London Clarke, Isla Burris, Declan Burris and

Everly McBee. Also survived by sisters, Judy Hallmark of Granbury, TX, Patricia Bowsby of Garland, TX, and sister in law Hilda Courtney (Dick) of Granbury, Tx., and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Oscar Harris, daughter, Melinda Harris, sister Martha Nuckels, and brother John Underwood. Special thanks to the staff and caregivers at Meridian Assisted Living, El Campo, Texas for all their love and extra special care. Also thank you to Dr. Brooke Dorotik and the staff of Mid Coast Medical Clinic for their excellent care.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday, March 15th at 11:00 am at the Memory Gardens Cemetery in Victoria, TX. Minister Cole Mealer officiating.

Memorials: ASPCA, Humane Society, World Wildlife Fund, or donor's choice.

Triska Funeral Home, El Campo 979-543-3681

Cemetery Details

Memory Gardens Cemetery

8919 US Hwy 87 North
Victoria, TX 77904

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SB

“ So sorry to hear of Dorlene's passing. She was such a sweet, caring and joyful lady! Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.
Sharon & Joey Bonnot

Sharon Bonnot - March 15, 2023 at 09:21 AM

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“ Aunt Dawdy (Dorlene) was the light in the room, best storyteller ever, gave great hugs and loved her family dearly. There will never be another. She is out of that wheelchair and dancing in heaven.



Donna Hallmark Morse (niece) - March 13, 2023 at 03:19 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dorlene Marie Harris.



March 13, 2023 at 12:33 PM

TN

“ I will miss my dear, sweet aunt Dawdy. Our family lived just about 15 miles away from Oscar and Dawdy, so we were really close to them. She was always kind and showered my brothers and I with love and kisses. We loved those kisses, even though we pretended not to. May God bless Nancy and Arnie and their family during their time of loss.

Tom Nuckels - March 13, 2023 at 12:00 PM

LN

“ I will miss my Aunt Dawdy very much. She has been a good influence in my life. She encouraged me to get a college education and after graduation helped me get a job with the state, where I worked for more than 30 years before retiring. What a great Christian Lady!!! My Condolences to Cousin Nancy and her family.

Larry Nuckels - March 11, 2023 at 09:41 AM

CF

Sending sympathy to Nancy, Judy, and Pat and all our family! My cousin Dorlene was such a positive, family-loving Christian woman. I will remember her kindness always!

Cathy R Fothergill - March 11, 2023 at 11:21 AM



Catherin
Hallmark

Sending heartfelt love and prayers to Nancy, Arnie and family during this difficult time. I loved my aunt Dawdy and listening to the stories and the memories shared between siblings when they were together. Dawdy had an incredible memory and was a wonderful historian. I especially loved the story about the old, abandoned log cabins that were once along the creek behind the cemetery at the edge of the farm where they grew up. One of the cabins was covered in beautiful wild roses and inside, the walls were covered with the newspapers of that time. Those beautiful wild roses were called Seven Sisters. I cherish those stories of her years as a social worker, and there are memories of sitting at the dining room table in LaWard eating homemade fig preserves & butter on biscuits. These are a few special memories that I will always hold dear!

Catherine Hallmark - March 13, 2023 at 02:27 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorlene Marie Harris.*



March 10, 2023 at 12:42 PM



“ *Vicky Quijas lit a candle in memory of Dorlene Marie Harris*



Vicky Quijas - March 10, 2023 at 10:00 AM

VQ

“ My thought & prayers are with you all that God will Comfort you in your loss! 🙏🙏🙏🙏 God bless you & your loved ones! May she RIP! She will be missed by everyone! Vicky Blair Ustynik Quijas



Vicky Quijas - March 10, 2023 at 09:59 AM

GP

“ Nancy, I'm so sorry to hear about your mom. You were blessed to have her for so many wonderful years. Condolences to you and your family.

Gayla Pitchford - March 10, 2023 at 09:34 AM

BN

She was Larry's favorite Aunt, so sweet.

Barbara Nuckels - March 10, 2023 at 09:41 AM

KK

“ I was able to help her celebrate her 100th and 101st birthdays with a greeting, Nancy, i am thinking of you during this difficult time, but what a blessing to have her for so long. Prayers of comfort and peace to all.

Katie Kunz - March 10, 2023 at 02:33 AM