



Dorothy Raun Hensley

October 12, 1923 - February 13, 2015

Dorothy Maxine Raun Hensley, 91, of El Campo, passed away peacefully on February 13, 2015 surrounded by her children and her granddaughters. Dorothy (also known as, “Nana” and “Aunt Dot”), was born October 12, 1923, in Franklin County, Nebraska to William Bryan Raun and Marie Runtermann Raun. At 8 months old she moved to Texas with her family to the Hahn Community in Wharton County. When she was 4 years old she and her family moved back to Nebraska, where she attended public school in Minden. Upon graduating high school, she returned to Texas where she attended Lillie Jolly School of Nursing at Baptist Memorial Hospital (which is now Memorial Hermann Hospital) in Houston, while she was also a part of the Army Corp. of Nurses. She graduated nursing school as a registered nurse in 1945, and went to work for Caney Valley Hospital in Wharton, and spent several years as a private duty nurse. On June 29, 1946, she married her best friend and soul mate, Robert Frank Hensley, Jr. They briefly lived in Palacios before permanently moving to El Campo where she went on to become a school nurse at Northside Elementary and the Opportunity Center of El Campo ISD until her retirement. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in El Campo where she was a long time food organizer for church functions and funeral care coordinator. She enjoyed traveling and was an avid sports fan. She had season tickets to El Campo High School Football games since the early 1950’s. She enjoyed traveling to her great-grandson’s baseball and football games and her great-granddaughter's rodeos. She was an active

member of Wharton County Retired Teachers Association, Wharton County Book Review Club, Wharton County 100 Club, and First United Methodist Women

She was very grateful for the home-care she received from Julia Deases, Alice Warzecha, Gloria Bubela, and best friend Ane Marie Farthing, as well as the care she received from Dr. Mike Thompson and the nurses at El Campo Memorial Hospital and her final care at Memorial Hermann Hospital in the Medical Center in Houston where she celebrated (at her request) her life on her final day with an ice cream party.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William Bryan Raun and Marie Runtermann Raun; her husband, Robert Frank, Jr., and her sister Milrae Franck. She is survived by her sister Lovell and Bob Hays of Johnston, Iowa; her daughter, Karen Meinardus; her son, Robert "Bob" Hensley and Jamie; her grand-daughters, Anissa and Rick Barker; Kendra and Greg Janik; Jenna and Byron Killion; Karma and Jeremy Shepard; Sabrina Hensley and Brad Polasek; her great-grand children, Blaine Barker; Madison Killion; Riley, Aubree and Sydni Janik; her step grand-daughter, Tyann Osborn and step great-grand daughter, MyKayla Lockhart; her nieces, Mary and Tim Duyka; Melody St. Clair; Darla and Daniel Diaz; James Larry Smith; Donna and Rick Davis; Tajuana and Johnny Pihoda; and her nephews, Raymond "Chip" and Merry Franck; Rick and Marla Franck; Jim and Cheryl Franck; Bill and Deborah St. Clair; Monte Hensley; and Earl and Hollis Yackel.

Visitation will begin 1 pm Wednesday at Triska Funeral Home with the family receiving friends from 5 pm to 7 pm. The Funeral Service will be 10 am Thursday, February 19, 2015, at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Sheldon Johnson officiating. Interment will follow at Oaklawn Memorial Park. Donations may be made in her memory to any of the following: El Campo Little League, El Campo Boys & Girls Club or the First United Methodist Church - El Campo.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Memorial Park

4609 State Hwy 71
El Campo, TX 77437

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 18. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Triska Funeral Home
612 Merchant Street
El Campo, TX 77437-3440
(979) 543-3681
triskafh@sbcglobal.net

Family will receive Friends

FEB 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

FEB **19**. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Methodist Church
1001 Avenue I
El Campo, TX 77437

Tribute Wall

RI

“ Well she was my "Nana" great grandmother and she was amazing I loved her so much. "Nana if you see me writing this I want you to know that I love you so much I miss you, I love you to the moon and back.”

Riley - August 07, 2018 at 07:58 PM

PF

“ Please accept my sincere condolences. And may the love of God, family and friends carry you through in this times of grief. Job 14 : 14, 15.

pimentel family - February 19, 2015 at 10:02 AM

 Debbie Alexander

“ What a great lady! I first met Dorothy Hensley when she was school nurse, and later came to know her as "Aunt Dot" through Mark and Melody St. Clair. She was always gracious, charming, and welcoming, and loved by so many. Heaven has a new angel, and earth is less bright in her absence. My sincere condolences and heartfelt prayers go out to her family.

Debbie Alexander - February 19, 2015 at 09:21 AM

KC

“ Mrs. Hensley was truly one of the sweetest people that I have ever known. She sat behind me in church and I am going to miss her hugs on Sunday's.

Kelli Cook - February 18, 2015 at 05:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dorothy Raun Hensley.*



February 18, 2015 at 10:34 AM



“ *Wallas lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Raun Hensley*



Wallas - February 18, 2015 at 10:10 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy Raun Hensley.*



February 17, 2015 at 03:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dorothy Raun Hensley.*



February 17, 2015 at 12:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dorothy Raun Hensley.*



February 17, 2015 at 11:29 AM



“ *What a great bunco partner!*



Nancy Brooks - February 17, 2015 at 10:57 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dorothy Raun Hensley.*



February 17, 2015 at 08:50 AM



“ *Dorothy Raun Hensley*

Nancy Brooks - February 16, 2015 at 06:19 PM

CD

GREAT MEMORIES OF MY CHILDHOOD, STAYING OVERNIGHT WITH BOB, AND MRS. HENSLEY MAKING THE VERY BEST BUTTERED TOAST IN THE MORNINGS. MUCH LOVE AND FOND MEMORIES TO BOB AND KAREN.

CLIFF DOWDEN

CLIFF DOWDEN - February 16, 2015 at 06:35 PM

JM

“ What a loss in so many lives! Dorothy Hensley inspired us all to be grateful for all that came our way because she knew that, no matter the circumstances, our lives would be enriched in some way and we could grow for the experience. Her example of a full life well lived is the memory I will carry with me. I feel most blessed to have been able to call her my special friend.

Jeannette Macha

Jeannette Macha - February 16, 2015 at 03:06 PM

GD

Our prayers are with Mrs. Hensley's family, You are so blessed to have had her and us for having known her, especially as our school nurse as long as I can remember. Love to all. Gilbert & Maria Delgado

Gilbert & Maria Delgado - February 19, 2015 at 11:40 AM

MK

“ We have only know Nana since 2010. However, we have grown to love her sense of humor and her caring spirit. Spending time with her always included lots of smiles. We are truly blessed to have had the opportunity to feel like we were part of her family and to be able to call her Nana.



Mike & Gail Kuzich - February 16, 2015 at 01:28 PM

CW

“ *Charlotte Englund Watson lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Raun Hensley*



Charlotte Englund Watson - February 16, 2015 at 12:42 PM

TJ

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Dorothy and Frank growing up in EC and being very good friends with my parents and attending church together. Also, who can ever forget the love and care she gave all of us who attended Elementary School in EC and made frequent trips to the Nurses Office. She was a gift of love and happiness to all that knew her. Towards the end of my dad's life he was on oxygen 24/7 and having lots of personal health issues. My mom took great care of him but she very suddenly experienced a life-threatening brain aneurysm and was in Methodist Hospital fighting for her life. We had to leave my dad at home to care for himself while we attended to mom in Houston and were very concerned with his many needs and how he would manage without mom or one of us. He told us not to worry about him because Dorothy Hensley was around and she could take care of him!!!! We absolutely roared with laughter and told him that Dorothy Hensley had lots more things to do than come over to see about him. The thing is.... he was deadly serious. That is what made it so funny to us. We never asked Dorothy to assume responsibility for my dad but there is no doubt she would have thrown herself into the mix if called upon. She was a truly wonderful person and we were blessed to have know her and been her friend. I know she has a front row seat in heaven right now and her star is shining brightly. She will be missed on this earth.

God's blessing to all of the Hensley family.

*Troice Lively Jenckes
Houston, Texas*

Troice Lively Jenckes - February 16, 2015 at 11:12 AM

MF

“ God Bless the Hensley Family and give them comfort at this time of sorrow. Dorothy was a wonderful person and truly an angel.



Marilyn Stepan-Carroll Family - February 16, 2015 at 08:53 AM

GD

“ Bill and I have many special memories of Dorothy, Bill as a working and personal friendship and mine as personal. I'll always remember our trip to the Senior Little League World Series when our boys were on the same team. Dorothy, Thelma Lundy, Edna Duncan, Dorothy Weaver and myself spent a week together traveling by car to Winston Salem , N.C., Des Moines, Iowa and back to E.C. , Dorothy and I alternated driving. Oh did we have fun!! We all stayed in the same room each night and loved our trip together.

We send love and prayers to Bob, Karen and their families. Dorothy will always have a special place in our hearts. It was a pleasure to call her friend.

Gloria Dowden - February 16, 2015 at 08:02 AM

RB

“ My deepest sympathies to the Hensley Ohana (family). Our families were friends growing up and I have great memories of those times. Mrs. Hensley was so kind, caring and always had a warm smile. Much love and aloha to Karen and the entire family. Rosalyn Hester Baker



Roz Baker - February 16, 2015 at 01:47 AM

KW

“ *What a wonderful, beautiful, soul .
I'm so thankful I had the privilege of knowing her. She even danced with me at the baseball games , just last summer, I asked her to shake it down , she raised her hands up to her shoulders , and did it best she could , for Blaine (her great -grandson) !
Super Lady.
We will miss you , Nana!
Kimmy Wilson*

Kimmy Wilson - February 15, 2015 at 09:33 PM

SR

“ *I remember Mrs. Hensley as my school nurse many moons back but I also had the pleasure of playing Buncos with her for many years. "Nurse", as we called her, was always a delight to be around. Always had a smile and always, if the moment was right, shared great knowledge with us. She will be greatly missed.*

Shana Rodriguez - February 15, 2015 at 09:14 PM



Mykayla
Lockhart

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Mykayla Lockhart - February 15, 2015 at 08:47 PM

PB

Sorry for the loss of a truly wonderful person. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Pat Barker - February 16, 2015 at 09:44 AM

SC

“ SYLVIA CALLIES sent a virtual gift in memory of Dorothy Raun Hensley



SYLVIA CALLIES - February 15, 2015 at 06:30 AM

SC

“ SYLVIA CALLIES lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Raun Hensley



SYLVIA CALLIES - February 15, 2015 at 06:29 AM

SC

“ HELLO MY NAME IS SYLVIA CALLIES I TAKE CARE OF LEOLA RAMSEY BUT DOROTHY ALWAYS CALLED HER SIS I JUST WANTED TO LET THE FAMILY KNOW WHAT A SPECIAL PERSON THEY HAD FOR A MOTHER I WOULD SEE DOROTHY EVERY FRIDAY IN THE BEAUTY SHOP AND WE WOULD SIT AND CHAT TILL SHE GOT FINISHED WITH HER HAIR ME AND MRS. RAMSEY WILL TRULY MISS HER.

SYLVIA CALLIES - February 15, 2015 at 06:29 AM

EH

“ I have so many memories of Dorothy as school nurse for my girls and as a friend. She and Doris used to get kolaches from me whenever they had Methodist Women at their homes and when they needed them for something else (they knew I always had some in the freezer for them!). They both made the out of town trips to our daughters' weddings even though they were getting a little older. This past Christmas she wrote in the card to us - "I'm still here." And now she will still be here - just in our hearts. I know her family and friends will miss her so much.

Enda Herzog - February 14, 2015 at 06:17 PM

EW

Our social director kept us entertained. Whatever she planned for us was fun. She will be missed for that talent, as well as her kindness and concern for others.

Elaine Wigginton - February 16, 2015 at 04:09 PM

DD

I have many memories of Mrs. Hensley but one of my favorites was when I was having to start a new school year as a teacher and there is Mrs. Hensley and all of her friends creeping over with lawn chairs at the front of ECMS to wish us a great year! Ugh! That is a great memory. She was a sweet, special lady. Also, she was one of my rodeo fans. She will be missed.

D Dennis - February 18, 2015 at 08:38 PM