



LaJuan Fite Braden

February 12, 1934 - March 9, 2018

LaJuan Fite Braden was born on February 12, 1934 in East Texas. After college, she moved to Bay City to serve as a Home Demonstration Agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. It was there she was introduced to Walter A. Braden, Jr. They were then married on October 20, 1956.

LaJuan lived the rest of her life in Nada, Texas, as a farmer/rancher's wife and loving mother. She had two sons, David Braden of Sugarland and Daniel Braden of Victoria.

LaJuan was active in the Christian Mothers and Catholic Daughters at St. Mary's Catholic Church. She was also a member of the Gadabouts and the El Campo Art Center.

LaJuan had two grandsons, Dustin Braden of Austin and Wesley Braden of Asheville, North Carolina. She was a loving and doting Grandmother, sharing her art skills and love of life with her grandsons. Staying at Grandmother's was always a fun adventure.

LaJuan is survived by her sons, David and Daniel, and her grandsons, Dustin and Wesley.

LaJuan is preceded in death by her parents, Warner and Lorene Fite, her

husband Walter Braden Jr., her brother John Fite and her sister, Delores Fite.

Visitation will be 4 pm to 6 pm with a Rosary being recited at 5 pm on Sunday, March 11, 2018 at St. Mary Catholic Church, Nada. The Funeral Mass will be 10 am Monday, March 12, 2018, at St. Mary Catholic Church. Interment will follow at St. Mary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the St. Mary's Hall Construction, St. Mary's Catholic Daughters or the charity of your choice.

Triska Funeral Home, El Campo, 979-543-3681

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Catholic Cemetery

Nada, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 11. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary Catholic Church
Nada, TX

Rosary

MAR 11. 5:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary Catholic Church
Nada, TX

Funeral Mass

MAR 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Catholic Church
Nada, TX

Tribute Wall

KT

“ *LaJuan was such a precious person. I loved visiting w/ them when Mr. Braden was alive. She was such a joy. She will be missed.*

Karen Trochta - March 20, 2018 at 05:34 PM

AS

“ *LaJuan and Walt were my clients for many years. I am so sorry I missed the services. Beautiful and kind couple are together again with our Lord.*

Ann Schaer - March 14, 2018 at 06:18 PM

KA

“ *Kari lit a candle in memory of LaJuan Fite Braden*



kari - March 11, 2018 at 12:41 PM

“ We live far away and we were never able to get LaJuan and Walt to come to Alaska to visit. Walt always said that he'd prefer the Bahamas. Although we were just cousins, we loved LaJuan as if we could have been there every day, sharing her life.

She was smart, funny, honest to a fault, and loving without reservation to everyone. I loved to go and visit, and of course, when I was growing up I spent every summer in that house, which was Aunt Mary's house, Walt's Mom.

I was there when Walt called LaJuan up for a date one summer. I don't think anybody had met her yet. In later years, when LaJuan and I could talk and reminisce and spend time together, she told me all about that date, and others, and how much she absolutely loved Walt. We shared so many laughs, jokes, and songs. She had memorized "the Lone Ranger", and she used to sing the entire thing with my husband, Jim, Jim also adored her. Everybody did! How could anybody not love her!

she spent her life helping others, truly being a Christian in all of its implications. She cooked delicious food all of her life, and many are the times I have sat in her kitchen or dining room, both with my parents (who also loved her) and especially after Uncle Joe passed away, consuming outrageous amounts of Bar b Q, or Steaks, and, of course, rice.

After my Mother died (just months after Uncle Joe died), it fell to LaJuan to care for Aunt Carol as she gracefully went through the years of aging gracefully. LaJuan was her transportation, her information source, her companion, and was always there when she was needed.

She cared so unselfishly for everyone around her. Her two sons as they grew up with their own challenges, Walt, who was not always easy to care with (he was the original John Wayne type and nobody told him what to do.)

Walt loved LaJuan as equally as she returned his love. she told me about the first time she met Walt. He was in his service uniform and,

she told me, he bounded up a two story stairway looking so handsome, tall, and full of energy, she just fell in love on the spot. And Walt and LaJuan both told me about their first or second date, when Walt was imbibing more than LaJuan though he should, so she just poured his drink out on the spot.

Love between them was instantaneous and mutual. I loved my cousin, Walt, but nobody could match LaJuan. she was simply an angel in every way, and there was never a person who didn't just adore her. She told me all about how she was raised a Baptist, then became a Catholic when she got married, because, as she said " I wasn't going to have any split family religions in this marriage to Walt"

LaJuan also told me when we were both older, that she had a very difficult life trying to grow up. Her Mother had died and she was sort of an orphan, without anybody to really care for her. Apparently the family she was raised in (with her father) was not well off at all.

When she first went to Walt's house, she accidentally spilled a glass of liquid on the floor. she said that Walt grabbed a dish cloth, told her it was no problem, and began to mop up the spill. LaJuan told me that she was astounded, because her own family wouldn't even have had dish towels to mop up with.

the last few times I visited her, we played with her little dog, talked about her grand children, told jokes with Daniel, and went to prayer services in the cemetery. and, of course, we remembered: her childhood, mine, the mini trauma's that seemed to accompany the birth of her second son, and always, the great, great love she had for her two grandchildren.

She was as dear to me as anyone in my family had ever been. I often tried to talk her into doing less work, more things for herself, having pure D fun, as we used to say; maybe even moving to some place larger, after Walt was gone.

To no avail. but everyone's life was richer for LaJuan's existence on this earth. I know that she waits for us in Heaven! We loved her so dearly.

Yvonne Anderson - March 10, 2018 at 04:09 PM

YL

“ *Yvonne Anderson (Whitney, Lichnovsky) lit a candle in memory of LaJuan Fite Braden*



Yvonne Anderson (Whitney, Lichnovsky) - March 10, 2018 at 02:11 PM

EM

“ *Esther Martinez lit a candle in memory of LaJuan Fite Braden*



Esther Martinez - March 10, 2018 at 10:52 AM

NH

“ *Neva Lou Kallina Hubenak lit a candle in memory of LaJuan Fite Braden*



Neva Lou Kallina Hubenak - March 10, 2018 at 09:58 AM