



Mrs LaVerne Stienke

November 11, 1923 - August 23, 2016

Born November 11, 1923 in Wichita Falls, Texas, to Kathryn Elizabeth Russell Stahala and Richard Harper Stahala, La Verne died at the age of 92 on August 23, 2016.

La Verne's early years were spent in Wichita Falls, Yoakum and Ganado. After completing high school in 1938, she went to work at the County Clerk's office in Jackson County. When the County Clerk was drafted in World War II, La Verne was assigned the duties of running the clerk's office as Chief Deputy Clerk at the age of 21.

On November 8, 1945, she married Ervin Herbert Stienke. In the early years of their marriage, they lived in Houston and then Eagle Lake. In 1951, they purchased the Garwood Telephone Company in Garwood, Texas. The phone company was located in the back room of the house they lived in. She handled the switch board operator duties in the evening, nights and weekends.

La Verne was very involved in the Methodist church and the community as a whole, spending many years doing anything and everything involving her children. She and Ervin were very supportive of anything their children participated in, encouraging them to pursue any and all interests they might have. Her home and her kitchen were always open to friends and family. One of her greatest joys was preparing a meal for her family and any guests they may bring home, most of the time uninvited.

She was always a voracious reader. She was a devoted student of the bible

all her life. Her knowledge was generously shared with others through Sunday school and later in community bible study. In her early 50s, she started painting with oils. She became a very accomplished artist, always eager to try any new medium presented. She loved to travel and was able to do so quite extensively with her friends she acquired, through their shared love of art. Above all, her children and grandchildren were her greatest joy. Never judgemental, always available and most of all supportive.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Ervin, her parents, sisters Betty Bryan, Ida Ann Ryan and brother Richard Harper, Jr.

She is survived by her daughter, Kate Corgey and husband, Bill, of El Campo, son, Ralph and wife, Kathy of Garwood, son, Roger and wife, Linda of Houston and daughter, Becky VonDerAu and husband, Bobby of El Campo. Grandchildren: Russell Labay, Melanie Gillig, Stephanie Sandoval, Ragen Stienke, Kristen McCann, Kelli LaTorre, Kim Miller, Ann Chapman, Robert VonDerAu and John VonDerAu. Great grandchildren: Kenner Labay, Damian and Taylor Sandoval, Blair, Drake, Rex and Rhett Stienke, Elizabeth, Charles and Lillian Montalvo, Gabby Chapman and Zoe Miller.

Visitation will be Friday, August 26, 2016, from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm, at Triska's Funeral Home. The funeral will be Saturday, August 27, 2016, at 3:00 pm at Lehrer Memorial Methodist Church in Garwood.

Pallbearers will be Ragen Stienke, Russell Labay, Robert VonDerAu, John VonDerAu, Chad Miller and Travis Gillig.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lehrer Memorial Methodist Church, El Campo Art League or charity of your choice.

Triska Funeral Home, El Campo, 979-543-3681, triskafuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Lehrer Memorial Cemetery

Hwy 71 North
Garwood, TX 77442

Previous Events

Family Will Recieve Friends

AUG **26**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

AUG **27**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Lehrer Memorial United Methodist Church
1059 Mansfield Street
Garwood, TX 77442

Tribute Wall

KA

“ *Kari lit a candle in memory of Mrs LaVerne Stienke*



kari - December 29, 2016 at 08:34 PM

MR

“ *Marilyn Robinowitz sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs LaVerne Stienke*



Marilyn Robinowitz - September 09, 2016 at 04:55 PM

MR

A beautiful role model for the Stienke family, and those like myself who got to be with her in her last year of life.

Marilyn Robinowitz - September 09, 2016 at 05:04 PM

PH

“ *So very sorry for your loss. I am thankful for the opportunity to get to know her. She will be missed by many.*

Pat Hogan - August 27, 2016 at 06:51 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs LaVerne Stienke.*



August 26, 2016 at 05:06 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs LaVerne Stienke.*



August 25, 2016 at 06:26 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs LaVerne Stienke.*



August 25, 2016 at 05:20 PM



“ *Loved this lady. First met her when we moved to Garwood when she and E.H. Owned the telephone company. Then she was my Sunday School teacher at Lehrer Memorial. Enjoyed all her sharing her trips to the Holy Land and lastly, for 11 years attending CBS with her. She taught me so much about the Bible and life. She was one of my heroes and I will miss her so much. Prayers for all her family. Loving each other and staying close will be her most prized legacy.*

Norma Thompson - August 25, 2016 at 04:48 PM



“ *Amazing Arboricola was purchased for the family of Mrs LaVerne Stienke.*



August 25, 2016 at 11:51 AM



“ *LaVerne Stienke was an inspiration to all of us while we studied the bible together at CBS. She had such insight into God's Word and how it applied to our present time. She did some wonderful openings for our classes. Anyone who spent time with her came away better because of her sweet spirit. Ann Schaer*

Ann Schaer - August 25, 2016 at 08:20 AM



What a great lady! I enjoyed being with her at CBS and most recently at assisted living and skilled care in El Campo. She will be a joyful addition to heaven. Cheryl Raun

Cheryl Raun - August 25, 2016 at 01:16 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs LaVerne Stienke.*



August 24, 2016 at 09:21 PM

VW

“ In the Spring of 1968, my husband Chuck and I along with our then 8 month old daughter Patricia were moving from Austin to Houston. We stopped to see Kathy on our way. Mrs. Stienke insisted that we stay for lunch -- she said she would make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, so we were in. She went to the kitchen and in only minutes it seemed, there was a full fledged lunch -- fried quail and all the fixings for everyone who was there. Kathy was there, of course, and I remember that Becky also was there -- still in high school (or junior high) at the time. Mrs. Stienke was always so gracious and full of life -- interested in what was happening in the world and in the lives of her family and friends. She wrote her life story -- it's all random thoughts, funny stories and family history, but it must be 200 or 300 typed pages -- and it inspired me to write stories about my parents and my children. She was quite a character and will be missed. Love you Kathy -- so sorry and know your loss. There is nothing so wonderful as a good mother.

Valera Walters - August 24, 2016 at 02:19 PM

AF

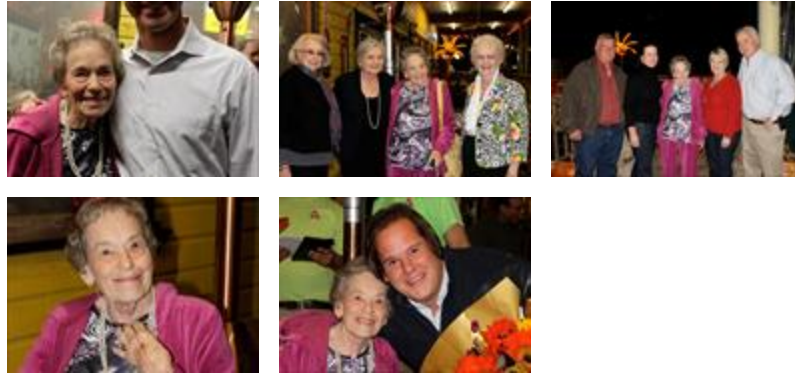
“ I feel so grateful to have known this wonderful woman. She always had a smile on her face. I know she was a wonderful mother based on how her children turned out. My heart goes out to the family for losing such a special lady.
Adrienne Finch



Adrienne Finch - August 24, 2016 at 08:54 AM

MG

“ 16 files added to the album *LaVerne Stienke*



Melanie Gillig - August 24, 2016 at 07:56 AM

GC

“ *Dear Stienke Family.*

*A lot wonderful memories. It was a joy to be in the presence of Nanny and family for Thanksgiving. I will never forget the warmth her smile brought to me, the amazing meals she cooked. She was a pleasure to have around. I have learned so much from her, and Will Remember her beautiful smile, great sense of humor, always great conversations.
Nanny will remain in our hearts forever!*



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Gloria Marina Cardenas



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MP

“ *Some of my best memories of La Verne are our trips to United Methodist Women's Schools of Christian Mission in Kerrville. We would spend a week learning and sharing....then we'd continue our discussions on the way home. That part, of course, enhanced by the Fredericksburg peaches we always bought on the way home.*

She loved learning her whole life. That is something we should all emulate.

She will be missed by so many who loved her and whose lives she touched.

Marsha Priesmeyer - August 23, 2016 at 07:54 PM

LA

“ I had so many good discussions with LaVerne at art lessons ad at Community Bible Study. She was a life long learner and lived with joy. I will miss her. May God grant you peace.

Linda Alderson

Linda Alderson - August 23, 2016 at 07:50 PM

FK

“ Dear Kate,
So sorry to hear about your mom. I know she was so loved and will be missed by so many. Thank you for sharing the wonderful stories about her. God's blessings and grace to all her family.

Fran and Dan Kyle

Frances Kyle - August 23, 2016 at 07:27 PM

DP

She was such a nice lady... I loved being in Community Bible study with her ! >She will be missed.!

Darlene Pendleton - August 23, 2016 at 09:22 PM

FP

*Becky,
So sorry to hear of your mothers passing. I know your heart will feel empty but hopefully time heals. Losing a mother is never easy. My prayers are with you and your family.*

Faye Poskey

Faye Poskey - August 23, 2016 at 09:30 PM



A Dear Dear lady...I was privileged to get to know her better through Community Bible Study and to share her birthday November 11! She was always so gracious, so kind & so knowledgeable. She was a good cook ...I think I may have her cookbook. I think its autographed too. She would always give openings at CBS when asked & they were always so good! We learned from this grand dame! Another one of my fond remembrances was visiting her a few years back & I was so impressed....she had either an e-reader or an I Pad.... I was inspired...if she could do it at her age maybe I had something to look forward too. She was so young at heart!

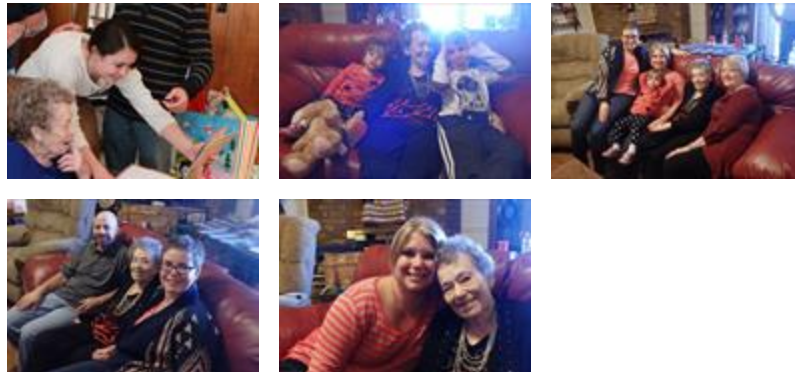
"Well done, good and faithful servant! Come and share your master's happiness!" Mathew 25:21

Carol Slaughter

Carol Slaughter - August 25, 2016 at 07:56 AM

MG

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Melanie Gillig - August 23, 2016 at 02:14 PM