



Mrs Nelda Faye Wagner

September 29, 1935 - February 6, 2017

Nelda Faye Brooks Wagner was born in Ganado, Texas on September 29, 1935, 81 years ago ... and--as she was fond of saying--100 years too late. Nelda was a pioneer spirit, and that's how thousands across Texas knew her. She passed away February 6, 2017. The only child of Dock Abraham Brooks (1907 – 1991) and Ida Lue Dillard Brooks (1900-2001), she was raised in Palacios, Texas and attended Bay City High School. She moved to El Campo, Texas in 1952 when she married Larry Lynner Wagner (1932 – 2011). To their union of 58 years were born four children: Larry Lynn Wagner Jr. (Bernice Ann Voldan) of El Campo, Karen Fay Wagner Hamilton (Joseph) of Seabrook, Texas, Wesley Carl Wagner of Wharton, Texas, and Steven Andrew Wagner (Shoko Uebayashi) of Misawa, Japan. She had ten grandchildren: Shay Allen Hill, (Carrie Ann), Mason Brady Hill, Joseph Garrett “Jake” Hamilton, Christine LaRissa Wagner Tyson, Catherine Marie Wagner, Clarissa Danielle Wagner, Joshua Caleb Wagner, Cassondra Renee Wagner, Skylar Aiko Wagner, and Shota Austin Wagner; and one great-grandchild: Oliver Thomas Hill.

Nelda was immensely blessed with creative talents and was an award-winning painter, quilter, sculptor, needlecrafter, and more. She was an accomplished seamstress and made many wedding dresses, formals, Derby Doll costumes, and draperies over the years. In the late seventies, she was given a spinning wheel and was determined to master its use. That new avocation expanded into over two decades of traveling south Texas, demonstrating and lecturing

about spinning, weaving, and natural dyes at fairs, festivals, and schools, all while dressed in period clothing. The authenticity of these costumes was a result of her research through the Smithsonian Institute and her own sewing skills. Ever resourceful, she also began raising sheep, goats, and rabbits in order to have a ready supply of wool, mohair, and angora to spin. She once demonstrated spinning at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo where she put an angora rabbit on her lap and spun wool directly off it. The crowds were amazed when they realized there was, in fact, a live animal on her lap, happily munching a carrot, as she casually produced mohair yarn from it. One of her prouder accomplishments came when she crafted a Confederate army uniform, starting with raw fleece from a sheep she herself had sheared and continuing on through with the spinning, weaving, dyeing, and hand-stitching processes resulting in an accurate and realistic replica. In the late sixties, with three growing boys at the table, she purchased a milk cow to keep the family supplied with dairy products. She milked that cow every day and churned fresh butter on Saturdays. She was also an expert at home remedies, animal husbandry, lye soap making, parallel parking, and so very much more. Nelda was an exceptional, remarkable woman in so many ways and achieved much in her life. Why? Because she could. And she did.

Though her bucket list was long and time was too short, Nelda accomplished much in her later years. She traveled extensively around the United States on genealogical expeditions, to visit distant and new-found kinfolds, and just for the heck of it with her cousin, Marlene Powell. To celebrate her 75th birthday, she parachuted in a tandem jump, finally fulfilling a long-held dream.

She was active in her church in a variety of volunteer positions including three terms as council president.

For Nelda, no goal was too challenging, no task too daunting. Her sage advice, boundless expertise, and country wit and wisdom will surely be

missed.

Visitation will begin on Friday at 2 p.m. at Triska Funeral Home with the family receiving visitors from 5 pm until 7 pm. Funeral services to be held Saturday, February 11th at 2 p.m. at First Lutheran Church, 304 Oscar Street, El Campo, Texas. Interment will take place in a private ceremony at a later date.

The family wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude to Pastor Donna Zipp for her steadfast support, friendship, and comfort to Nelda and her family.

Memorial donations may be made to the First Lutheran Church or the donor's choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 10. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Family Will Recieve Friends

FEB 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Triska Funeral Home
612 Merchant Street
El Campo, TX 77437-3440
(979) 543-3681
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Memorial Service

FEB 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Lutheran Church
304 Oscar Street
El Campo, TX 77437
<http://firstlutheranec.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ We are sorry to hear of Nelda's passing and express our deepest sympathy to her family and friends. She was a remarkable lady and will be truly missed.

James & Rosemary Voldan

James Voldan - February 11, 2017 at 09:08 AM



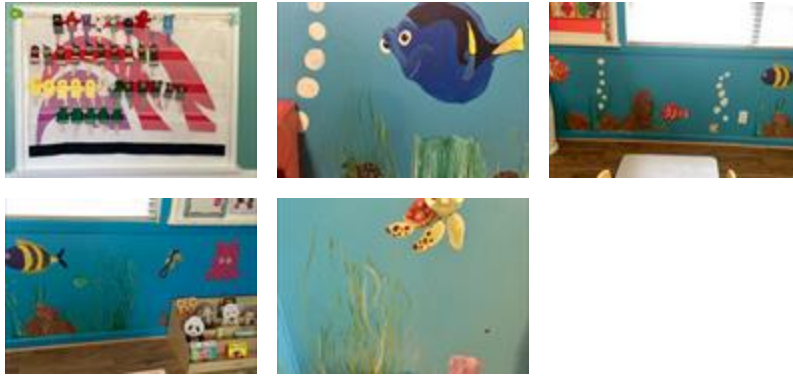
“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs Nelda Faye Wagner.*



February 10, 2017 at 08:59 AM

BJ

“ We will always remember your caring heart for First School! Nelda painted a beautiful under the ocean scene with the fish from the movie Finding Nemo on our classroom wall! The children love those fish and so do the teachers it brightens our day! She also sewed us some finger puppets back when we didn't have a lot for the children and at a time it meant the most! She made sure to make all of the puppets to the children's favorite songs and stories and asking for all the different characters. She truly put her heart into this task as well as other things to improve our school. She will be missed greatly but her impact at First School will always be there.



Bree Joines - February 10, 2017 at 08:20 AM

JR

“ Jerry and Ellen Ryan purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mrs Nelda Faye Wagner.



Jerry and Ellen Ryan - February 09, 2017 at 02:40 PM

ER

“ I had a wonderful visit with Mrs. Wagner a few weeks back. She loved the Lord, loved her church and loved her children. She was a picture of the book of Ephesians - redeeming the time. She used her time on earth to worship God, bring joy, appreciate God's gifts and share with others while she was here. And understood that even in late age and sickness, she could still give to others, by pointing people to the hope she had found and trusted in. She wanted everyone to know that she wasn't afraid of what was ahead for her. She was ready for whatever God had planned for her including meeting her creator. I hope the family takes comfort in that. She was a big personality and her presence will be missed.

Ellen Ryan - February 09, 2017 at 01:56 PM

AF

“ All the Premeaux Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mrs Nelda Faye Wagner.



All the Premeaux Family - February 09, 2017 at 09:44 AM

BT

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. Our deepest sympathy.
Ben & Lena Tupa

Benny & Lena Tupa - February 08, 2017 at 07:52 PM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs Nelda Faye Wagner.*



February 08, 2017 at 07:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs Nelda Faye Wagner.*



February 08, 2017 at 06:13 PM

SW

“ *For mama
Nelda Faye Wagner passed away today
29 Sept 1935- 06 Feb 2017*



*I wake each morning to start a new day
But the pain of losing you never goes away.
I go about the things I have to And as the hours pass I think again of
you. I want to call you and just hear your voice then I remember that
I have no choice For you are not there and now my heart cries*

*Just to see you again to tell you goodbye
To Mama I love you and I always will
And hope that much of you, in me you've instilled*

*The day that you left I just didn't know
that you were going where I couldn't go.
And now all my memories of you are so dear
But gosh, how I miss you and wish you were here.*

*Who now can hear me when I need to cry?
It so hard to tell you "Mama goodbye"
Someday I know all will be well
And I'll see you again with stories to tell
Of how you were missed and how we have grown*

*And how good it is to finally be home.
Until then my memories of you I'll keep near
And I'll pass them on to those who are dear.*

I will miss you Mama

Steven Wagner - February 08, 2017 at 02:45 AM

PH

“ Only knew her from the bank, but I know she was an awesome person and a real character. RIP Nelda

Pam Holub - February 07, 2017 at 02:53 PM

RP

“ From all of us at R & R Printing we extend our deepest condolences. We know there are no magic words to heal the loss in your hearts but know that there are others thinking about you and wishing you strength and love.

Lynn we consider you part of our extended family, so you and your family are in our thoughts and our prayers during this time.

R & R Printing - February 07, 2017 at 01:01 PM



SP

“ Shirley Popp lit a candle in memory of Mrs Nelda Faye Wagner

Shirley Popp - February 07, 2017 at 12:55 PM

