



Watts, Ella 'Jean' (Copass)

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Paradise ~ Ella "Jean" Watts, 86, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023, in Decatur, surrounded by family and dear friends. Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023, at Grace Baptist Church in Decatur; the family will receive friends beginning at 10 a.m. at the church. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery in Iowa Park, Texas at 3 p.m. Saturday.

Pastor Bill Hughes will officiate with Pastor William Brooks. Pallbearers are Cody Deaton, David Warner, Juan Martinez, Rick Aaron, Kaz Jones and Chance Gibbs.

Jean was born Oct. 23, 1936, to James Loyce and Euna Belle (Bachman) Copass in Dickens County, the middle child of 5. She and Allen Wayne Watts were united in marriage on Dec. 21, 1952, when they eloped to Clovis, New Mexico. As an Air Force wife she lived in Alaska, South Carolina, New Mexico, Alabama, Texas and Hawaii. She and Wayne often piloted their plane on vacations, and Jean earned her private pilot's license at 52.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents, James and Euna Copass; her

sister, Sydney DeLois Fowler; and her brothers, Perry Edward Copas and Ernest Bryan Copas.

Jean will be sorely missed by her family and friends including her daughter, Beverly K. Jacobs and husband, Steve, of Alvord; sister, Mary Ann Copas and partner, Victor, of Graham; granddaughter, Sandy Michelle Thomas and husband, Michael, of Bridgeport; and 2 great-grandchildren, Eric Hill and Keegan Thomas as well as many nieces, nephews and great nieces and great nephews who brought light to her life.

The family is grateful to the dedicated staff at The Hills Nursing and Rehab facility in Decatur.

Should you wish to make a donation in her memory, Cal Farley Boy's Ranch and animal rights organizations were dear to Jean.

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