



Pyle, Nelda Ann Cowley

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Visitation for Nelda Ann Pyle, 73, of Chico, is 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 23 at Jones Family Funeral Home in Bridgeport. Nelda passed away Sunday, June 16, 2019, in Corpus Christi.

She was born April 25, 1946, in Ranger to Freddie Gray Sr. and Ellen (Warr) Cowley. Nelda grew up in the Panhandle, but she graduated from Chico High School. On June 10, 1964, she married Gary Lee Pyle in Crafton. They established their first home in Chico.

Nelda then moved to Brazoria and worked as a Nursing Aide at West Columbia Hospital. Through the years, she worked at Texas Instruments in Dallas, West Columbia Hospital, Mr. H's Grocery, the Bridgeport Hospital and for the Chico ISD.

Nelda had lots of hobbies, reading, quilting, sewing, needle point and Hallmark ornaments. When she was at home, she enjoyed watching several of her favorite shows, but mostly Hallmark movies, talking and visiting with friends and family. Nelda liked to dress up for Halloween with Miss Sharla for many years, and she loved Christmas! She was a great baker, however the family really enjoyed her peanut brittle, coconut cream pie, and other treats she made at Christmas time and special occasions.

She is preceded in death by her parents; stepfather James Cowley; sister Mona Beth Gray; brother Freddie Gray Jr.; and husband Gary in January of 2008.

Nelda is survived by her daughter Sarah Zamora and husband, David, of Corpus Christi; siblings Mary Bellar and husband, Ken, of Amarillo, David Gray and Glenda Gray of Mesquite and Craig Cowley of Chico; four grandchildren, Dustin Witcher and wife, Ashley, Justin Zamora and wife, Kassie, Crystal Perez and husband, Pete and Alexis Zamora; great-grandchildren Bailey Salinas, Megan Perez, Joseph Perez, Damien Zamora and Dylan Zamora; sister-in-Law Lorene Gray of Amarillo; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends and friends that were like family.