



Nancy Elizabeth Dickens

1931-2020

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Nancy Elizabeth Dickens, 88, went to be with her Lord and Savior Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2020.

A celebration of her life and memorial will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, at Governor's Ridge Retirement Facility, 300 E. Devereaux St., in Decatur.

Nancy was born May 28, 1931, in Big Spring. She was involved in many activities as a young woman. She was a debutante, Miss Big Spring and the band queen. During World War II, her father was moved to Kentucky where they lived, and she enjoyed her time and adventures living "abroad." With her parents, she was lucky enough to travel across many neighboring states in search of geological conquests.

In 1949, she met and married James H. Dickens, and they settled in his hometown, Burnet. They too had many adventures, but none would be as great as their three young, rambunctious kids and moving to the wilderness that was Lake Buchanan at that time.

As they developed the growing recreational park, they became very involved in the Silver Creek community and were one of the founding families of the Silver Creek

Baptist Church. Nancy was instrumental in Vacation Bible School, Wednesday afternoon lady's Bible study and the Joy Class Sunday school teacher.

Nancy's greatest joy was her family, and with the addition of her grandchildren and her great-grandchildren, she was completely blessed. After Nancy's husband James passed, Nancy moved to be closer to family in Decatur. She became an active resident of Governor's Ridge and started yet another Bible study group. She enjoyed playing train, dominoes and doing puzzles with her fellow residents.

Nancy became a beloved member of the Governor's Ridge community. She was happiest surrounded by those she loved, friends and family alike, but above all this, her greatest love was her love of God. Nancy worked tirelessly to witness to all she knew and was at peace and ready to go home in her final days. She will be greatly missed by all those that loved her. Some of Nancy's final words were "It has been a beautiful, wonderful life, and I have been so very, very blessed." She is preceded in death by her husband, James H. Dickens; and parents Richard and Thelma Hooper.

Nancy is survived by her children, James "Jimmy" Dickens of Springtown, Sherry and Jimmy Henderson of Decatur and Steve and Debra Dickens of Round Mountain; grandchildren Christy Henderson, Sarah and Joe Villarreal, Michelle and Michael Buckley, Lindsey and Justin Roessler, Grady and Rachael Dickens, Morgan and Seth Harris, Hudson Dickens, Krystal and Rusty Rice, Daniel and Heather Correll and Casey Correll and fianc e Chanler Brooks; great-grandchildren Brylee Dickens, Payton and Hagen Villarreal, Audrey and Elizabeth Buckley, Gavin Ainsley and Bree Dickens, Lenden, Lawson and Kora Rice and Natalie Correll.

She is also survived by many nephews, nieces and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Solaris Hospice, the First United of Methodist Church of Decatur, First Baptist Church of Decatur or Saint Jude's in memoriam of Nancy Elizabeth Dickens.