



Ascenia Lorena "Dose" Underwood

November 28, 1922 - December 24, 2019

A memorial service for Dose Underwood, 97, of Lexington is scheduled for Friday, January 3 at 11:00 am at First Christian Church in Lexington. Her grandson-in-law, Rev. Rusty Wright, and Rev. Margaret Imhoff will preside.

Ascenia Lorena "Dose" (Peebles) Underwood was born at home in Lexington's Old Town neighborhood on November 28, 1922 to parents Sam Parker and Mary Ann (Johnston) Peebles. Dose graduated from Lexington High School in 1939 at age 16. She then attended Baylor University, graduating in 1943 with a degree in Speech.

In June 1943, Dose married Fred Waltmar Woodward of Lexington. The couple had two children, Kay Ellen and Fred Peebles Woodward. After the death of her husband Fred in 1949, Dose and the children continued to live with his parents, Homer and Dora Woodward, at their home near Lexington.

Dose taught second grade and coached high school speaking events. Alongside several Lexington teachers, she earned a master's degree in education from Prairie View A&M University.

In August 1952, Dose married Thomas Roger Underwood, Jr., who was working as the principal of Lexington High School. The couple was blessed with a son, Thomas Roger Underwood III. The family moved to Rockdale,

where Dose worked first in the high school, and Thomas served as high school principal. Dose coached speech and debate, and she served director of the One-Act Play. Later, she worked as a second-grade teacher before her retirement from Rockdale ISD in 1987.

Dose enjoyed nature walks, rambling drives on country roads, and fishing with a cane pole in Brushy Creek. She had a tendency to fall in the mud, into the creek, and—at least one time—into the Guadalupe River. She always came up laughing. She had strong compassion for underprivileged people and anyone working on their behalf. She spent much of her retirement working at a Christian thrift store and delivering Meals on Wheels in Rockdale.

Despite the tragedies in her life, including the sudden deaths of her first husband and eldest son, Dose held an inspiringly positive outlook on life. She encouraged her family and friends to “celebrate in all things, because God is with you and happiness is a choice.”

Dose died on December 24, 2019 at Copperas Hollow Assisted Living in Caldwell, her home for five years.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Sam and Mary Ann Peebles; husbands Fred W. Woodward and Thomas R. Underwood, Jr.; son Fred P. Woodward; daughter-in-law Julie (Wiggins) Underwood; son-in-law Paul Van Dorn, Sr.; daughter-in-law Evelyn (Pearson) Woodward; brothers Sam Peebles, Jr., E. M. Peebles, and Wyley Marshall Peebles; sister-in-law Bootsie (Camp) Peebles; and nephew Parker Peebles.

Dose is survived by her daughter Kay Van Dorn, son Thomas R. Underwood III, daughter-in-law Jan (Pirkey) Woodward, sister Rosa Gene (Peebles) Lewis, grandchildren Paul Van Dorn, Jr. and wife Karen, Amy (Van Dorn) Wright and husband Rusty, Andrew Woodward and wife Tina, Erin

(Woodward) Truho and husband Scott, Jonathan Underwood and wife Carly, and Daniel Underwood, nieces Pattie Peebles Ivey and Jimanne Lewis Kubiak, and nephew Ray Lewis. She is also survived by her great-grandchildren Amanda Van Dorn; Margaret, Louise, and Charlotte Woodward; Madeline and Julia Wright; Wyatt, Grant, and Benjamin Truho; and Charlie and Teddy Underwood.

Memorials may be made to First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 8870 N Highway 77, Lexington, Texas 78947, or the charity of one's choice.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Christian Church
8870 North Highway 77
Lexington, TX 78947

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ascenia Lorena "Dose" Underwood.*



December 31, 2019 at 02:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ascenia Lorena "Dose" Underwood.*



December 30, 2019 at 04:47 PM



“ *The Wright and Campbell family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Ascenia Lorena "Dose" Underwood.*



The Wright and Campbell family - December 29, 2019 at 07:09 PM



“ *Love and laughter...always a presence on the river, on the back porch, or in the pew! She leaves a legacy to be admired.*

sue miller - December 29, 2019 at 12:47 PM

CJ

“ *Clinton, Damaris, Lawanna, and Jacques purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Ascenia Lorena "Dose" Underwood.*



Clinton, Damaris, Lawanna, and Jacques - December 28, 2019 at 09:03 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ascenia Lorena "Dose" Underwood.*



December 28, 2019 at 12:12 PM

ST

“ *Mrs. Underwood was my first grade teacher in Lexington. Even at that young age, I recognized how special she was, and she remains a favorite of mine. Years later, we taught together at Rockdale Elementary and became neighbors as well, a bonus to me. She was unfailingly kind, a great teacher and a wonderful person and role model.*

*With sympathy,
Samye Reat Turner*

Samye Turner - December 27, 2019 at 07:48 PM

TM

“ My thoughts and prayers goes out to Mrs. Underwood's family. She was my 2nd grade teacher. May she rest in peace.



Terry L Mowdy - December 27, 2019 at 06:44 PM

JY

“ Dose and Tom were our neighbors on Post Oak for many years. Enjoyed our chats with them both!



Judy York - December 27, 2019 at 01:20 PM

SR

A lovely lady who was loved by her students. My husband, Grover Russell, was influenced by Mrs. Underwood's love of speech and drama. He always said she was one of his favorite teachers.

Sue Russell - December 27, 2019 at 08:22 PM

PG

Dose was a wonderful person. Her and Tom took me in as one of their kids. I have great memories of me and Dose fishing at the farm. She loved to catch those catfish on a cane pole. I'm going to miss both of them. Love always, Peter Gonzales

Peter Gonzales - December 27, 2019 at 11:05 PM

CA

Dose and my mother were both living at Copperas Hollow when I got to know her. She was a lovely lady and had some great stories to share. God bless her family.

CaroleUrbanosky - December 28, 2019 at 07:21 PM