



Diana Whiteley Sousares

February 12, 1944 - December 27, 2024

Diana Louise Whiteley was born at home on February 12, 1944 to her loving parents, Otto Ceberon and Emma Dorothy (Lorenz) Whiteley. The fourth of five children, Diana was raised on the family farm in the close-knit Minerva community. In 1962, she graduated from Rockdale High School and married Robert D. Jenkins at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, where they were both members. To this union, three children were born: Robert Alan, Dyan Nichol, and Molly Ruth. Her children were her greatest blessing, and she wanted nothing more than to have them near her. Diana loved all things related to the home, and she was known for the impeccable cooking skills which she learned from her German mother. She was an avid reader who enjoyed poetry, classic literature, and poring over cookbooks from her extensive collection. In July 1982, she married Dr. J.F. Sousares, and moved to College Station. Diana pursued a 20-year career with Texas A&M University, retiring in 2009 as an Administrative Assistant in the Office of the Provost. She returned to Rockdale for the last 10 years of her life, where she enjoyed Sunday lunches with family, creating beautiful embroidery projects, playing the piano, and thrifting with her sister. She died peacefully at home on December 27, 2024.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband Jimmy, and her brother Michael Scott Whiteley.

She is survived by her children: son Bobby Jenkins and wife Mandy, her

daughters Dyan Shelander and husband Luther, and Molly Graham, all of Rockdale; her grandchildren: Brandon Jenkins, Andrew Jenkins, and Claire Jenkins; John Shelander and wife Angela, and Nesha Shelander; as well as her great-grandchildren: Elizabeth Jenkins and Noah Shelander. She also leaves her sister Patricia McKee of Rockdale, and brothers Clifford Whiteley and wife Diane of Academy, and Calvin Whiteley and wife Dianne of Milano, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Visitation will take place at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale from 5:00 - 7:00 pm on Monday, December 30th. Services will be held on Tuesday, December 31st, 10:00am at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, located at 3739 FM 1712 in Rockdale, with burial to follow at the Mt. Zion Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers are: Michael Robinson, Daniel Robinson, Shay Robinson, Larry Whiteley, Jeff Whiteley, Jason Jenkins, Brandon Jenkins, Andrew Jenkins, and Stanley Bone. Memorial gifts may be made to Mt. Zion Baptist Church, where she was an active member.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Zion Cemetery

3739 FM 1712
Rockdale, TX 76567

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **30**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale
1041 West Highway 79
Rockdale, TX 76567
(512) 446-5454
phillips_luckey@yahoo.com
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

Funeral Service

DEC **31**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
3739 FM 1712
Rockdale, TX 76567

Tribute Wall

MW

“ I loved her humor! Always such a good friend. Will miss her!

marilyn weller - January 03, 2025 at 01:08 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Diana Whiteley Sousares.



December 30, 2024 at 11:09 PM

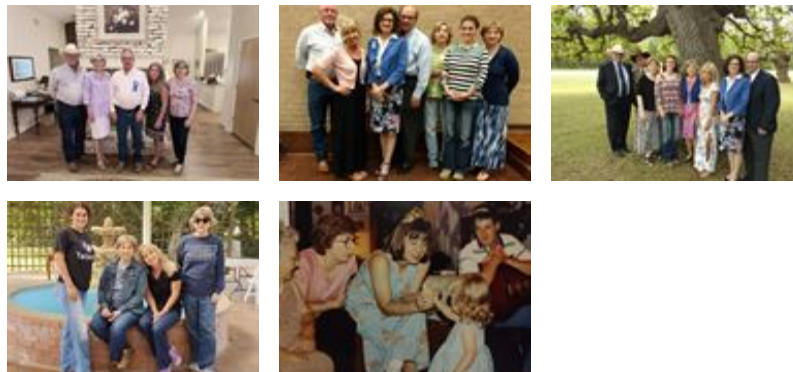
AV

“ Amanda V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Diana Whiteley Sousares.

Amanda V. - December 30, 2024 at 06:39 PM



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Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - December 30, 2024 at 04:29 PM

LW

“ *When God comes and gathers his jewels, all his treasures of diamonds and gold, you will meet her up there up in heaven so fare, when God comes and gathers his jewels. These are the words to an old song that I have always felt say so much. May your mom rest in His arms and may He bring you comfort and peace.*

Lynn Weaver

Lynn Weaver - December 30, 2024 at 02:21 PM

LN

“ *Love, The Ninjas purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Diana Whiteley Sousares.*



Love, The Ninjas - December 30, 2024 at 12:42 PM

JB

“ *Joan & Mel Graham & Jennifer & Steve B purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Diana Whiteley Sousares.*



Joan & Mel Graham & Jennifer & Steve B - December 30, 2024 at 11:21 AM