



Jean Ellen Dowdy

August 17, 1932 - October 20, 2024

Funeral services for Jean Dowdy, 92 of Lexington, Texas, are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at St. James Lutheran Church in Lexington with Rev. Jonathan Meyer and Rev. Bernard Schey officiating. Burial will follow in the Lexington Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, October 23, 2024 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Tuesday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Jean Ellen Hartfield was born August 17, 1932 to Adele (Hellman) and Albert Hartfiel. She was the middle child of 5 with 3 brothers and 1 sister. She was born at home in Lexington, Texas. Jean was baptized on August 28, 1932 and confirmed on July 29, 1945 at St. James Lutheran Church in Lexington. Her confirmation verse was Psalm 27:1, "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" She grew up on the family farm with chickens, livestock and lots of vegetables from the garden. There was not much money, but plenty of family time spent playing games like marbles and dominos. Jean graduated from Lexington High School in 1949. Although her mother stayed home to raise the children, she was an RN and Jean decided to follow in her footsteps and attend nursing school. During this time, she met and married William H Dowdy, Jr. "Bal" on August 29, 1949, in Brenham, Texas.

Jean and Bal lived in Lexington, Texas throughout their 66 years of marriage and raised three children who blessed them with 8 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. She was affectionately known by her grandchildren, nieces and nephews as well as many others as Jean Jean.

Jean started her nursing career in Lexington working for Dr. Korkmas and then continued on working first in Giddings and then in Austin for Dr. Hazard and Dr. Vickers until she retired in 1988. Upon retiring from nursing she opened the Dowdy House, a beloved Lexington institution located in downtown featuring antiques, collectibles and gifts that was featured in Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative Magazine. She was a lifelong member of St James Lutheran Church. Jean was a charter member of the Lexington Rotary Club and served on the Lexington ISD School Board.

Jean loved to travel and took many cruises with family and friends, but her favorite destination was a certain slot machine in Louisiana. She felt she had reached her pinnacle on her last trip there when she finally hit the jackpot.

Jean passed away the evening of Sunday, October 20, 2024, surrounded by her family, at her home in Lexington.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Adele Hartfiel, her husband, William H Dowdy, Jr., her brothers Melvin Hartfield, Werner Hartfield, Elton Hartfield and her sister Artis Poston.

She is survived by her three children, Arlene Wiederhold and her husband Lee Roy of Dime Box, Mickey Milburn and her husband, Donnie of Lexington and their grandson Joseph, and William Dowdy and his wife Kim of Lexington, eight grandchildren, Trey Wiederhold and his wife Dora and their children Beatrice and Elizabeth, Amber Inberg and her partner Chris Behan and her

daughter Olivia; Amanda Foley and her husband Daniel and their children Sadie, Molly and Clara Jean, Will Wiederhold and his wife Annie and their children Wyatt, Beckham and Caroline; Michael Milburn and his wife Stephanie and their children Jake, Preslie and Ben; Jonathan Milburn and his wife Tammy and their children Landry, Langston and Loxley; Kayla Stanley and her husband Wes and their children Meadow and Harper and Sterling Dowdy and his husband Michael Mills along with numerous nieces and nephews and her beloved dog, Strawberry.

Serving as pallbearers will be Trey Wiederhold, Michael Milburn, Jonathan Milburn, Will Wiederhold, Sterling Dowdy and Wes Stanley. Honorary pallbearer will be Daniel Foley.

Memorials may be made to the Lexington Rotary Club or the charity of one's choice.

Cemetery Details

Lexington Cemetery

5900 County Road 326
Lexington, TX 78947

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **22**. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Family Present for Visitation

OCT **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

OCT **23**. 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM (CT)

Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Funeral Service

OCT **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. James Lutheran Church
320 North Rockdale Street
Lexington, TX 78947

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jean Ellen Dowdy*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - October 22, 2024 at 08:38 PM

TF

“ *The Glenn and Barbara Wenzel family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jean Ellen Dowdy.*



The Glenn and Barbara Wenzel family - October 24, 2024 at 05:50 PM

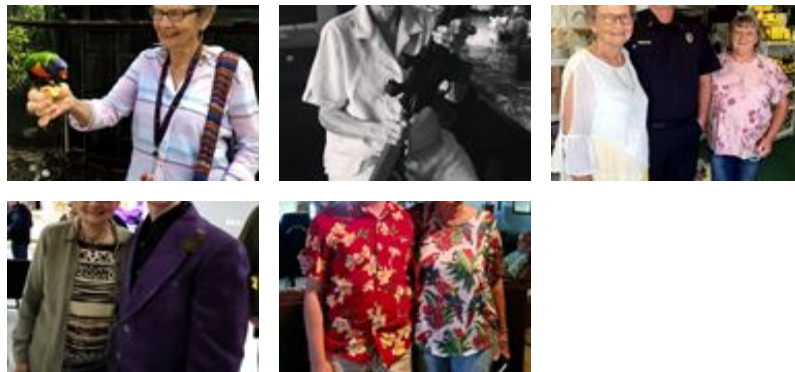
FK

“ *Frank K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jean Ellen Dowdy.*

Frank K. - October 23, 2024 at 02:57 AM



“ 87 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - October 22, 2024 at 04:17 PM

PA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Pam:) - October 22, 2024 at 04:05 PM

RS

“ You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Rebecca Sherrill - October 22, 2024 at 03:43 PM

 Linda
Kieschnick

So sorry for your loss. May all your fond memories give you peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Linda Kieschnick - October 25, 2024 at 09:38 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jean Ellen Dowdy.*



October 22, 2024 at 03:25 PM



“ *Ashley & Company planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jean Ellen Dowdy.*

Ashley & Company - October 22, 2024 at 03:25 PM



“ *Cindy & Philip Lockwood purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jean Ellen Dowdy.*



Cindy & Philip Lockwood - October 22, 2024 at 01:40 PM



“ *Cindy & Philip Lockwood planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jean Ellen Dowdy.*

Cindy & Philip Lockwood - October 22, 2024 at 01:40 PM

CS

“ Dear Arlene, Mickey and all those I don't know or cannot remember, your mother was such a dear friend of mine and I regret not seeing more of her when I made a visit to Lexington. May God give you comfort during these times and just hold her memory close. God bless.

Carrie Shea - October 22, 2024 at 12:39 PM

GI

“ Your Mom was the sweetest person. Your family is in our prayers.



Gary and Beverly Iselt - October 22, 2024 at 12:18 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jean Ellen Dowdy.



October 22, 2024 at 10:08 AM

VF

“ Violet Frosch lit a candle in memory of Jean Dowdy



Violet Frosch - October 22, 2024 at 09:39 AM

KF

“ KIMCO Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jean Ellen Dowdy.



KIMCO Family - October 22, 2024 at 09:27 AM

KF

“ KIMCO Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jean Ellen Dowdy.

KIMCO Family - October 22, 2024 at 09:27 AM

JF

“ John and Martha Foley purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jean Ellen Dowdy.



John and Martha Foley - October 22, 2024 at 08:48 AM

JF

“ John and Martha Foley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jean Ellen Dowdy.

John and Martha Foley - October 22, 2024 at 08:48 AM

TF

“ The Wood Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jean Ellen Dowdy.



The Wood Family - October 22, 2024 at 12:52 AM

TE

“ *Trey, Dora, Beatrice and Ellie purchased the Encanted Cottage for the family of Jean Ellen Dowdy.*



Trey, Dora, Beatrice and Ellie - October 21, 2024 at 11:28 PM

TE

“ *Trey, Dora, Beatrice and Ellie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jean Ellen Dowdy.*

Trey, Dora, Beatrice and Ellie - October 21, 2024 at 11:28 PM

DJ

“ *Dora & James purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jean Ellen Dowdy.*



Dora & James - October 21, 2024 at 11:20 PM

BF

“ *I always loved going to the Dowdy House when we visited Lexington. Thoughts and prayers for the family. 🙏
David, Joanne Tally and Samuel Bergsten*



Bergsten Family - October 21, 2024 at 09:21 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jean Ellen Dowdy.*



October 21, 2024 at 08:53 PM



“ *Penny Biehle & Cody Church planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jean Ellen Dowdy.*

Penny Biehle & Cody Church - October 21, 2024 at 08:53 PM



“ *Ms. Dowdy was so special to me. I loved visiting her at her shop. A long time ago when the white Victorian home went up for sale, we talked about opening a bed and breakfast there. She always had a story about her traveling adventures and her family. She loved y'all so very much. My heart is sad, but I know she is reunited with the love of her life. I will miss you Ms. Dowdy. Prayers for the family.*

Debra Isbell - October 21, 2024 at 08:23 PM



Jean was one of the sweetest people in the world and the bestest of nurses in that profession. You will be missed. Hugs and Love to your family. Mollie (Dismukes) Modesette

Mollie(Dismukes)Modesette - October 24, 2024 at 06:32 PM