



Jo Ann Mgebhoff Nelson

February 4, 1936 - October 22, 2023

Funeral services for Jo Ann Nelson, 87 of Smithville, Texas, are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 27, 2023 at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings with Rev. Robert Tiner officiating. Burial will follow in the Giddings City Cemetery. A luncheon will follow the graveside services at The Lions Den in Giddings from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Visitation will be held on Thursday, October 26, 2023 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Friday, October 27, 2023 from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Thursday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Jo Ann Martha (Mgebhoff) Nelson was born on February 4, 1936 in Clifton, Texas to Rev. Fred and Edna (Lammert) Mgebhoff. She was baptized on April 12, 1936 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Clifton and confirmed on June 1, 1949 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in College Station, both sacred rights being performed by her father. She graduated from Giddings High School, received her Trained Practical Nurse Certificate from Post Graduate Hospital in Chicago and eventually earned her title of Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker. Jo Ann was united in marriage to John Clinton "Jack" Hart on August 11, 1953. They had three children, Kay, Steve, and Dean. On March 29, 1968, she married Ronald "Ronnie" Sell. They had one son, Randy. Following Ronnie's death in 1980, Jo Ann married Harley "Wayne" Nelson on December 26, 1981. Together they raised their granddaughter, Sydney beginning when

she was two months old. Jo Ann began her career with Combined Community Action in August of 1989. For over 34 years she wore many hats. In March of 2010, her responsibilities were transferred to managing the CPW (Case Management for at-risk youth and pregnant women) Program. Jo Ann aided 1000's of clients during her time at CCA. She oversaw the CPW program for the remainder of her career. During her time at CCA, she received many service awards and was appointed to more committees than we can all remember. All of the state monitoring reports she received were excellent with no findings. She took pride in her work, and it showed. Her personal file is approximately 4" thick with accolades and certificates of achievements. As Deanna Green, Family Services Director said, "What a life of service! She was a typical old school social worker in the best way, always advocating for her clients and looking for new and existing resources." Jo Ann was employed with CCA up until her passing.

Jo Ann passed away during the early morning hours of Sunday, October 22, 2023 at her home in Smithville.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Rev. Fred and Edna Mgebroff; her husbands, Ronnie Sell and Wayne Nelson, and two sons, Steve Hart and Randy Sell.

Jo Ann is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Kay & Gary Shaver of Giddings; her son and son-in-law, Dean Hart & Michael Connors of Mexico; her granddaughter that she raised, Sydney & Casey Jacobs of Smithville; one step-daughter, Cathye Matthews of California; one daughter-in-law, Cyndi Hart of Abernathy; six additional grandchildren, Megan & Jonathan Burch of Brenham, Jennifer & Roger Robinson of College Station, John & Janie Hart of Brenham, Kristin & Clark Krueger of Burton, Cody Hart of Lubbock, and Sydney Shaver & Casey Hofferek of Giddings; five step-grandchildren, Beth, Jabe, Krishana, Jetina, and Rachel; twelve great-grandchildren, Hayden

Wagner, Trinity Hart, Claire Jackson, Chloe Sump, Jagger Garner, Finleigh Robinson, Emma Jackson, Beau & Remi Krueger, Addy Hofferek, and Preston & Blakelee Jacobs, and nine step great-grandchildren, Corrine, Makenzie, Kamden, Kamry, Ariel, Isabelle, Audrey, Hunter, & Kyle. She is also survived by numerous other relatives, nieces, nephews and friends, one friend in particular, Adrienne Easterly, who had lived with her for the last nine years.

Pallbearers will be John Hart, Jabe Otwell, Dolton Claussen, Hayden Wagner, Tony Rego, and Clark Krueger.

The family would like to express sincere thanks to Concho Hearts Hospice for their love, support and devoted staff, especially Danny and Monica.

Memorials may be made to Combined Community Action, Concho Hearts Hospice, or to the charity of one's choice.

Previous Events

Public Visitation

OCT **26**. 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin St.
Giddings, TX 78942
(979) 542-3113
phillipsluckey@yahoo.com
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

Family Present for Visitation

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Reception

OCT 27. 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Lion's Den
1623 FM 141
Giddings, TX 78942

Tribute Wall



“ Wanda Cody lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Mgebhoff Nelson



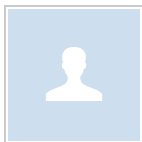
Wanda Cody - October 28, 2023 at 02:34 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jo Ann Mgebhoff Nelson.



October 27, 2023 at 11:33 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jo Ann Mgebhoff Nelson.



October 26, 2023 at 10:31 AM

SJ

“ Grand babies are going to miss you!



sydney jacobs - October 26, 2023 at 12:41 AM

AM

“ Jo Ann and I lived a few blocks apart in Giddings as kids. We reconnected in the last few years when I moved to the Smithville area. There are two things I learned about Jo Ann. She helped multitudes of people and she deeply loved her family. Rest in peace Jo Ann. The world is a better place because you were in it.

Audrey Mann - October 25, 2023 at 09:01 PM



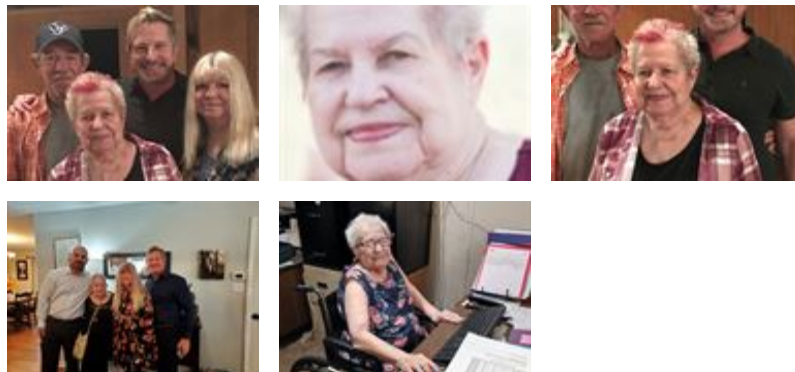
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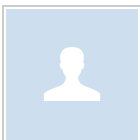
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“ 320 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - October 25, 2023 at 04:45 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Jo Ann Mgebhoff Nelson.



October 25, 2023 at 03:57 PM



“ *Jo Ann was my first cousin. My fondest memories of her was when we visited her family, and I loved her makeup. I was younger, and she let me try some. I have so admired her faith as she experienced some difficult times in her life. I express my sympathy to the family.*
Lois Nell Lammert Elliott

Lois Elliott - October 25, 2023 at 09:39 AM

MS

“ Marilyn Schautschick lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Mgebhoff Nelson



Marilyn Schautschick - October 25, 2023 at 09:21 AM

BW

“ Another old timer from Giddings has earned her wings. May the legacy of Jo Ann's life of service live on.

Barbara Wilson - October 24, 2023 at 10:12 PM

IM

“ Sending prayers of strength and comfort to Jo Ann's family. Such a shock to hear of her passing. Jo Ann and I became friends on Facebook years ago. She was such a lovely friend. We exchanged many a story and pics of our furbabies ❤️ She will definitely be missed by many on FB. Rest in eternal peace, my dear friend 🕊️🕊️🕊️🕊️🕊️



Irma Cantu Manzanares - October 24, 2023 at 07:28 PM

CS

“ Cheryl Sanders lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Nelson



Cheryl S. Sanders - October 24, 2023 at 06:12 PM

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JH

“ janis/calvin hannes lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Nelson



janis/calvin hannes - October 24, 2023 at 04:42 PM

MS

“ Michelle Schuetz lit a candle in memory of Jo Ann Nelson



Michelle Schuetz - October 24, 2023 at 03:04 PM

DJ

“ Thoughts and prayers for you all at this time. So sorry for your loss. She will be greatly missed! God be with you all.

Darlene Jenke - October 24, 2023 at 12:13 PM

SJ

“ *She was the best granny and mother! I am going to miss you more than words can express. We love you with our whole heart and soul! Preston sure has been asking about you and is going to miss his Granny! I know you will miss him too!*

Sydney Jacobs - October 23, 2023 at 10:38 PM