



Ruby "Nena" Simpson

April 20, 1923 - September 28, 2018

Ruby "Nena" Simpson age 75 of Tanglewood passed away Friday morning September 28, 2018 in Seton Medical Center in Austin. No public services are scheduled.

Nena was born April 20, 1943 in Phoenix, Arizona to Clyde Edger and Ruby Augusta (King) Newman. She has lived in Tanglewood for over 50 years and had previously lived in Thrall. She was an electrician at ALCOA, and had retired in 2006 after 29 years. She was a member of the United Steelworkers Local 4895 and was the first female elected to the executive board. She has also served with the ALCOA fire brigade and EMS and as EMT, Nena was a volunteer with the Lexington EMS and the Tanglewood VFD where she also served as secretary.

She was a member of the Shiloh Baptist Church, and loved being involved with her children and grandchildren in all their activities. In her younger years she enjoyed trail rides and going to the lake and to the coast and fishing, she also played in the Lee County Women's softball league.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Clyde Edgar and Ruby Augusta Newman, two brothers in infancy, sister Ida Pharis and brothers Jack Newman and Clyde "Eddie" Newman.

Nena is survived by her son, Doug Simpson & wife Robyn of Tanglewood, daughter, Sandy Simpson Bates & husband James of Tanglewood, brother, James "Jim" Newman & wife Margaret of Lexington, sisters-in-law, Carmel Newman of Thrall and Barbara "Bobbie" Newman of Kentucky. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Ashlena Hansen & husband Weston, Trisha Simpson Biddle & husband Rick, Coe Janner, also Heather Goolsby, Amber Mosley, Samantha Ordonez and Natalee David, great-grandchildren, Devan Simpson, Bexlee Janner, Dawson Hansen, Billy Hruska, Kayden McColm, Mason Mosley, Mattie Mosley, Nicho Ordonez, Isabella Ordonez, Abigail Ordonez and Violet David.

Tribute Wall

JP

“ So very sorry to hear about Nina's passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to Doug and Trisha and all of her family. Nina was always honest and thoughtful, kind to her co-workers and always willing be involved in any aspect of helping anyone who needed assistance - just a wonderful person. She will be greatly missed - Rest in Peace, Nina - I will always have kind thoughts when I think about you.

John Pruett

John Pruett - October 03, 2018 at 11:29 AM

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“ I never knew Aunt Nena was the first female elected to the executive board, does not surprise me, though! Newman girls rule. 🙏She will be missed.

Erin Newman - October 01, 2018 at 11:37 PM

RW

“ Loving thoughts and prayers for all of the family, especially Doug and Trisha.

Rebecca Wilson - October 01, 2018 at 09:40 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss. I still remember going to the hospital the night Sandy was born! May God comfort all of you in the days ahead.

Connie Ward - September 29, 2018 at 09:52 PM