



## Mrs. Beth Nicol

October 9, 1942 - May 18, 2017

Funeral services for Mrs. Beth Nicol, 74, of Henderson, will be held at 10AM on Thursday, May 25, 2017 at Crawford - A. Crim Funeral Home with Rev. Dr. Jayson Galler, of Pilgrim Lutheran Church of Kilgore, officiating. Interment will be held at Rusk County Memorial Gardens. A committal will follow under the direction of Crawford - A. Crim. Visitation is scheduled from 5PM to 7PM on Wednesday, May 24.

Mary Beth Nicol, more popularly known as “Beth” passed into her Heavenly Home on Thursday afternoon, May 18, 2017, after a long and courageous battle with a debilitating illness.

Beth was born in Henderson on October 9, 1942, to Annie Louise Henry Black and Fred D. Black. She graduated from Henderson High School with her class in 1961, after completing her curriculum during the Summer of 1960. She met and began dating the love of her life, Donald Nicol of Gaston High School, in August, 1958. They were married on December 17, 1960, at which time she became his lifelong partner, his most ardent supporter and the inspiration for his many accomplishments in the field of engineering. They attended Lamar University, in Beaumont, where Don earned his Engineering Degree. She was awarded a “PHT” Degree by the University for “Putting Husband Through College” for her active support of his efforts. Throughout Don’s successful career, Beth was always beside him engaging with his co-workers, his friends and colleagues. Don and Beth traveled extensively throughout the United

States, visiting each and every state along with many countries of Europe. And, during Don's very successful and far flung business career, the couple and their family lived in Henderson, Beaumont, Mt. Vernon, Ohio; Houston, Corpus Christie, Plano, and again in Henderson. She met her long-time friend, Sherry Cosbie, a neighbor in Plano, Texas. Beth loved being Aunt Beth to Sherry's children and thought of them as her own grandchildren. Other wives in Sherry's friend circle would immediately respond, "Oh, You're Aunt Beth," when she was introduced. The friendship continued until her death. Beth loved all sports, enjoying in addition to football, baseball, hockey, and her latest favorite, basketball. She found great joy in doing things for others. She was a foster parent to six children over the years and she always asked for foster children that would be returning to their mother. She wanted to help mothers that just needed an extra hand to get on their feet. She was a daughter, a wife, a mother, a grandmother, a great-grandmother, a friend, a foster parent, a conservative, and Aunt Beth to many. But most importantly she was a Christian, an active member of Pilgrim Lutheran Church of Kilgore.

Beth is survived by her husband of more than 56 years, Don; three daughters, Sharabeth Upton and husband Marty of Henderson, Sharla Renee Furlong and husband Randy of Henderson, Shana Suzanne Sapp and husband, Roy of Signal Mountain, TN, along with four granddaughters: Shelley Fanning, Sara Furlong, Sophia Sapp, and Riley Sapp; one grandson: Jack Sapp; and two great grandsons: Kiyah and Markell Stiggers. Also surviving is her brother Robert Phillips and his wife Kathy of San Antonio. Beth was predeceased by her father and mother, Fred D. and Annie Louise Black and step-father, Edwin Phillips.

Pallbearers will be Kelly Nicol, David Nicol, Byron Sapp, Mike Truett, Peter Karanganis, and Levi Insley.

Condolences may be made at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Rusk County Memorial Gardens

5013 US Hwy 259  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **24.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home  
1414 S. Main St  
Henderson, TX 75654

## Service

MAY **25.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

MW

“ I am grateful to have known Beth and to have been able to spend time with her in TX & TN. Beth was always fun, inclusive, helpful, positive and welcoming. I have fond memories of holidays, vacations, eating good food, laughing and playing 'Marshall rummy'.



Michele M Whitacre - May 23, 2017 at 05:37 PM

SW

“ Beth was our neighbor in Plano for several years. Our daughters were and still are good friends. Beth was a wonderful lady. She was always happy and up beat when I was around her. She will be greatly missed. Prayers to all her family. Bob and Sandie Walker

Sandie Walker - May 23, 2017 at 08:51 AM

JD

“ I was a class mate with Beth. She was a very sweet and thoughtful lady. My prayers go to her family. Class of 1961! Janie Moore Dougan

Janie Moore Dougan - May 21, 2017 at 07:19 PM

EN

“ So many happy memories with you, Aunt Beth. Love you!



Elizabeth Nicol - May 19, 2017 at 05:06 PM

RB

*Married to my second cousin, she was one of the sweetest women I have known. I remember how good she was to me when Johnny would take me to Uncle Homer and Aunt Cylia's for the weekend .*

**Rodger Bailed** - May 19, 2017 at 07:01 PM

SP

“ *Susan Peter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beth Nicol*



**Susan Peter** - May 19, 2017 at 11:37 AM

MM

“ *Mary Weatherford Miller lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beth Nicol*



**Mary Weatherford Miller** - May 19, 2017 at 11:36 AM

BG

“ *Belton & Nan Green lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beth Nicol*



**Belton & Nan Green** - May 19, 2017 at 11:19 AM

SP

“ Mom and Beth had so many memories together as cousins! We all loved hearing them talk and laugh about those through the years- Both have left us physically, but their special love and care for each other and everyone else remains in our hearts forever. Sending our sympathies and love to Don and family as you remember all of her special qualities,

*Susan (Baker) Peter, Gary and family*

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**Susan Peter** - May 19, 2017 at 10:04 AM

LT

“ Liz Thrasher lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beth Nicol



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**Liz Thrasher** - May 19, 2017 at 09:47 AM

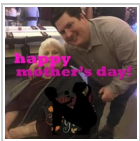
MM

“ Melissa Morton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beth Nicol



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**Melissa Morton** - May 19, 2017 at 09:30 AM



“ Beth and I were class mates many years ago, but we remained friends all these years. I have lots of fond memories of Beth and the times we shared. May God wrap His around her loved ones and give them comfort and peace.

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**Betty Johnson** - May 19, 2017 at 09:01 AM

SH

“ My oldest and dearest friend. We shared many "secrets". She was kind, caring, generous, and loving. Had a heart of gold, always willing to help someone in need. My prayers warrior. She prayed for me daily. I will miss my friend, her prayers, and our daily phone calls.

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**Sherry Harris** - May 19, 2017 at 08:47 AM

JB

*Beth was always a sweet, caring person who treasured family and friends. I have fond childhood memories as our mothers were first cousins. Praying for peace and comfort for Beth's family and friends.*  
*Jean Blanton*

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**Jean Blanton** - May 21, 2017 at 06:43 PM

BO

*Beth was the most caring person I know and she loved her family so much. Butch Gillispie was just like a brother to her and they had so much fun growing up together. What great memories we have of family dinners in Henderson at the family homeplace. Much love to all her family.*  
*Beverly Gillispie Osborn*

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**Beverly Osborn** - May 22, 2017 at 10:51 AM

WT

*Beth, was a classmate of 1961. We shared a lot of memories together. In our High School days, we used to change clothes when we got to school, because she liked my "homemade clothes" and I liked her "store bought" then we would change back before the buses would come. We also married Gaston Boys, which they had graduated together also, 1958. Will miss her dearly. Praying for the family. Love, Wanda and Charles (Chicken) Thomas.*

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**Wanda Thomas** - May 23, 2017 at 05:18 PM