



## Mrs. Billie Elizabeth Hooper

October 6, 1923 - February 25, 2019

Billie Elizabeth Holcomb Hooper passed away on February 25, 2019. Private graveside services will be held at Resthaven Cemetery Thursday the 28th of February in Jacksonville, Texas under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

Billie was born in Jacksonville on October 6, 1923 to Wiley and Jewel Holcomb. She graduated from Jacksonville High School and attended Lon Morris College. Billie received her bachelor's degree from Texas Woman's University and her masters from Stephen F. Austin State University.

Billie was married to Gene M. Hooper and they had four children. Gene preceded her in death in 1958.

Billie began her teaching career in Lufkin at the age of 20. In later years Billie taught in Henderson I.S.D. in the speech and English departments. She directed many senior plays, U.I.L. speech and one act play competitions, and taught English classes. She became the senior English teacher at Henderson High School and head of that department, retiring in 1989.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Henderson where she was very active in the PALS Sunday School class until her health began to decline.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by her brother Ed Holcomb and his wife Ruth, and brothers-in-law Raleigh Hooper and Jack Hooper.

She is survived by her children; Paula Denmon of San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua, Beth Irwin and her husband Ronnie of Dallas, Chrisan Smith and her husband Jim of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Mart Hooper and his wife Cathy of Henderson; grandchildren; John and Lisa Perkins, Meredith and Kyle Liner, Jeffrey and Natalie Irwin, Martin and Sophie Hooper, Lily and Weldon Davis, Steven Smith, Shawn and Erin Smith, Jennifer and Kyle Christy and great-grandchildren, Mallory Perkins, John Perkins, Caden Liner and Reese Liner, and sisters-in-law Rubynell Hooper and Helen Hooper and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family thanks the Staff of Azalea Place and her caring sitters for taking such good care of her during her last days.

The family would like to invite friends to come and share memories on Thursday, February 28, 2019, from 4-6 p.m. in the parlor of the First United Methodist Church.

Honorary pallbearers will be John M. Perkins III, Jeffrey Irwin, Martin Hooper, Kyle Liner, and Weldon Davis.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church Preschool scholarship fund at 204 N. Marshall, Henderson, TX 75652, Hospice of East Texas at 4111 University Blvd, Tyler, TX 75701, HISD Education Foundation at P.O. Box 728, Henderson, TX 75653, or the charity of your choice.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Resthaven Cemetery

805 N. Pineda St.  
Jacksonville, TX 75766

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

FEB **28**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
204 N. Marshall  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Tribute Wall

DG

“ *Dinah Gray lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Billie Elizabeth Hooper*



Dinah Gray - August 30, 2022 at 09:04 PM

AM

“ *Angie Williams Mitschke lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Billie Elizabeth Hooper*



Angie Williams Mitschke - March 12, 2019 at 02:52 PM

BW

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Bobby and Deanna Wooley*

Bobby and Deanna Wooley - March 08, 2019 at 07:07 AM



“ *Ruth Hudson Mitchell*



Ruth Mitchell - March 04, 2019 at 10:14 PM

MR

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Praying that you all feel God's comfort and peace.

Mark and Judy Rushton - February 28, 2019 at 11:43 PM

MM

“ I have so many fond memories of Mrs Hooper as my English teacher, but more as Marty's mom. She was special and touched so many lives in Henderson. She never told us to turn down the record player in the living room! Marty, Chrisan, Paula and Beth - you are in my prayers.



Mike Mason - February 28, 2019 at 09:43 PM

JB

“ I was very sorry to hear about Mrs. Hooper. She was a terrific lady and a great teacher. My prayers for her family.

Jo Ann Green Bledsoe - February 28, 2019 at 09:25 PM

SB

“ Your mom was such a gracious and loving person. I loved my time with your family and especially my time with her. What a role model for us all in how to enjoy life. Prayers for you all.  
Susan Henry Buchanan

Susan Henry Buchanan - February 28, 2019 at 03:05 PM

JC

“ JIM And Jeanne Irwin Cowart lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Billie Elizabeth Hooper



JIM and Jeanne Irwin Cowart - February 28, 2019 at 09:46 AM

AB

“ She will be missed! She was a great teacher and a great lady! I always loved seeing her through the years!! She also had a great sense of humor.

Amy Bradbery - February 28, 2019 at 12:37 AM

MM

“ I'm so sorry for your loss, Paula and family. Your mom was a larger than life lady who obviously had a huge impact on many Henderson young folk! Prayers for your eventual peace!

Marilyn Martin - February 27, 2019 at 09:30 PM

DM

“ Mrs. Hooper was my 1979 Senior English teacher, and I still remember working diligently on my Senior Theme. Mrs Hooper was an outstanding teacher, and she expected the best from her students. In no small part, she taught me valuable skill sets which helped me be successful in college. I have always had great respect and admiration for Mrs. Hooper, and I express my sincerest condolences to the Hooper Family.

Danny McRae (HHS 79) Cypress, Texas

Danny McRae - February 27, 2019 at 06:21 PM

TP

“ *Tammy Griffith Plaster lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Billie Elizabeth Hooper*



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**Tammy Griffith Plaster** - February 27, 2019 at 06:17 PM

SO

“ *So very sorry for your loss. Mrs Hooper was an amazing teacher and a very funny lady. She was an icon to HISD English Dept*

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**Stephanie Osteen** - February 27, 2019 at 05:39 PM

CB

“ *Cindy Hooks Belcher lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Billie Elizabeth Hooper*



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**Cindy Hooks Belcher** - February 27, 2019 at 05:26 PM

SS

“ *Mrs. Hooper was one of Henderson's finest ever teachers. She commanded respect and discipline in the classroom but truly desired for her students to learn. She prepared us for the next step in education. Although I gave her the opportunity for criticism, I do not recall her ever using a harsh word with me. Prayers for the family.*

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**Sharla Smith** - February 27, 2019 at 04:58 PM

VH

“ Please know we are praying for your family! Ms. Hooper was a great teacher we all enjoyed together!

Vicki Brooks Harper - February 27, 2019 at 01:44 PM

CS

“ Carl And Diana Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Billie Elizabeth Hooper



Carl and Diana Smith - February 27, 2019 at 11:53 AM

MD

“ Mrs. Hooper was one of my favorite teachers at HHS. I'll always remember her sharp wit, dry but hilarious sense of humor, and all the slack she gave me even though I was tardy all the time to first period senior English. She was tough but truly a great teacher and inspiration. My sincere condolences to her family and may she rest in peace.

Marcia Davis - February 27, 2019 at 11:49 AM

DD

“ Condolences to the family on their loss. Mrs. Hooper was a fine teacher and person and I got to know her my first year in Henderson. God bless you Mart and Paula.

Dr. Ray Deason - February 27, 2019 at 10:10 AM



“ *Mrs. Hooper was so much more than a teacher. I'm 65 now & I still think about senior English and her amazing sense of humor. My prayers go out to her family during this time. Rest in peace Mrs. Hooper.*

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**David Perry** - February 27, 2019 at 12:38 AM

SA

“ *From the tributes here, she must have been an amazing woman. Condolences to Paula and family.*



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**Shari Adkisson** - February 26, 2019 at 11:07 PM

DM

“ *Dena Burrows Massey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Billie Elizabeth Hooper*



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**Dena Burrows Massey** - February 26, 2019 at 10:43 PM

JU

“ *JULIA(WHITEHEAD)WARDEN lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Billie Elizabeth Hooper*



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**JULIA(WHITEHEAD)WARDEN** - February 26, 2019 at 10:22 PM

JT

“ I am sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you and your family.

John Taylor - February 26, 2019 at 09:59 PM

MB

“ I had her for English, but I remember her better at church. Her spirit would light up, and she was friendly to all. And the minute that I graduated high school, I thought of her as a friend.

Melinda McGee Brown - February 26, 2019 at 09:58 PM

DB

“ A very good teacher who made sure you actually learned something and cared that you did.

Darren Blanton - February 26, 2019 at 08:52 PM

MJ

“ Prayers for all the Hooper family.  
Mrs. Hooper was my senior HHS English Teacher.  
She was a wonderful teacher and I have many fond and fun memories of her at HHS.  
She will be greatly missed.



Marilyn Johnson - February 26, 2019 at 08:44 PM

JU

“ JULIA(WHITEHEAD)WARDEN lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Billie Elizabeth Hooper



JULIA(WHITEHEAD)WARDEN - February 26, 2019 at 08:41 PM

KC

“ *Kristy Davis Campbell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Billie Elizabeth Hooper*



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**Kristy Davis Campbell** - February 26, 2019 at 07:28 PM

CC

“ *One of the most influential teachers I ever had. I will never forget her.*

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**Carla Grafton Chewning** - February 26, 2019 at 07:22 PM



“ *Donna Aaron lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Billie Elizabeth Hooper*



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**Donna Aaron** - February 26, 2019 at 06:47 PM

SS

“ *Tough but fair. Called me Sandy. Funny. I so wanted to chat more about English and Shakespeare, with her. She was one of a kind. Warm thoughts to the family*



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**scott snelgrove** - February 26, 2019 at 05:38 PM

PD

*Thank you Scott.  
Sandy Snelgrove was a friend who graduated with me, her oldest daughter. So when she called you Sandy, it was a complimentary mistake. Congrats on your love of English and Shakespeare.  
Thank you.*

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**Paula Hooper Denmon** - February 26, 2019 at 09:11 PM

PD

“ *She was the best mother anyone could have. My privilege for 72 years.*



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**Paula Hooper Denmon** - February 26, 2019 at 04:07 PM

PD

“ *Her 90th birthday with great grandson John Perkins IV*



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**Paula Hooper Denmon** - February 26, 2019 at 03:56 PM

PD

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Paula Hooper Denmon** - February 26, 2019 at 03:53 PM

RS

“ Mrs Hooper taught me in 1979 and 1980. Someone else already posted exactly what I was thinking. Mrs Hooper expected nothing short but your very best and she was indeed very strict...however as someone else said....I always found Mrs Hooper to be very fair and if a student had a concern or even a complaint she was willing to listen. Without a doubt one of the very best teachers I ever had.

**Robbie Stephens** - February 26, 2019 at 03:23 PM

JS

“ Jan Johnson Spann



**Jan Spann** - February 26, 2019 at 02:38 PM

BT

“ Bruce Tate lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Billie Elizabeth Hooper



**Bruce Tate** - February 26, 2019 at 02:09 PM

BH

“ Bob & Sue Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Billie Elizabeth Hooper



**Bob & Sue Henderson** - February 26, 2019 at 01:56 PM

JW

“ Your Mom was very special and she will be missed. She lived a long and fruitful life. We are thinking of you all. Joy and Larry Wiltse

Joy Wiltse - February 26, 2019 at 01:40 PM

JW

“ Your Mom was loved by everyone who knew her. She lived a long and full life. So glad all of you got to be with her. Joy and Larry Wiltse

Joy Wiltse - February 26, 2019 at 01:30 PM

BP

“ Prayers for the family.

Beth Hale Pope - February 26, 2019 at 12:03 PM

TM

“ I graduated in 1986 and Ms. Hooper was tough but fair. You earned your grades in her class and she was a great teacher. Praying for family and friends.

Taresa Cates Morales - February 26, 2019 at 11:41 AM

LD

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of sweet Ms. Hooper. I worked at Azalea Place as the Marketing Director/Community Relations Manager for a year and in that short time I grew attached to many of the residents. I so loved visiting with Ms. Hooper each day. Prayers to the family on your loss. Lynda David, Kilgore

Lynda David - February 26, 2019 at 11:31 AM

CN

“ One of my favorite teachers of all time. Clay Newcomb



Clay Newcomb - February 26, 2019 at 11:23 AM

CW

“ Mrs. Hooper was such a part of our education at HHS and such an active member at our church. She will be missed. God's comfort to all of you.

Cyndi Walker - February 26, 2019 at 10:36 AM

SH

“ Billie Hooper was a larger than life memory of our youth in Henderson. In church, school and community..she was always in the center! Big shoes for our generation to try to walk behind. Paula, Beth, Mart, Chrisan, you were blessed to have a Super Mom and we were thankful that she shared her love and arms out to us, too. Kenny and I are holding you up in prayer.

Susan Willard Hensley - February 26, 2019 at 10:33 AM

MD

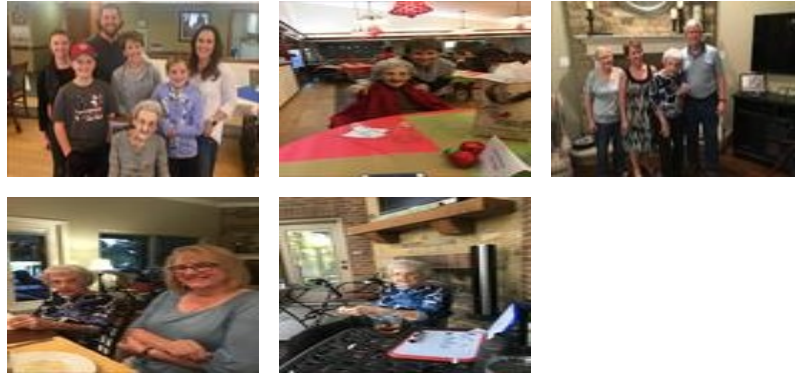
“ I remember Ms. Hooper as being tough but fair. Great qualities in a person and especially a teacher. She was the epitome of a teacher. Prayers to her family.



mike duncan - February 26, 2019 at 10:31 AM



“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - February 26, 2019 at 10:19 AM

PP

“ Pud Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Billie Elizabeth Hooper



pud patterson - February 26, 2019 at 09:56 AM

DC

“ David And Jan Crow lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Billie Elizabeth Hooper



David and Jan Crow - February 26, 2019 at 09:51 AM

BM

“ I have such wonderful memories of visiting family in Henderson and Mrs. Hooper was always so fun and welcoming to be around. Blessings to your family at this time.  
Beth Landon Moore (Roddy Landon's daughter)

Beth Moore - February 26, 2019 at 09:48 AM

TH

“ I loved Mrs. Hooper...she was a wonderful teacher. She influenced so many in her lifetime.



Tammy Hale - February 26, 2019 at 09:22 AM

DK

“ David And Peggy Keeling lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Billie Elizabeth Hooper



David and Peggy Keeling - February 26, 2019 at 08:47 AM

BH

“ Brent Hale lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Billie Elizabeth Hooper



Brent Hale - February 26, 2019 at 06:34 AM

MS

“ *Martha Harper Solomon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Billie Elizabeth Hooper*



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**Martha Harper Solomon** - February 26, 2019 at 06:31 AM

RW

“ *Prayers for family! I enjoyed visiting and chatting with Billie at Azalea Place, she still had her sense of humor and wits. Rhonda Whitley*



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**Rhonda Whitley** - February 26, 2019 at 02:11 AM

KK

“ *Kyle Kent lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Billie Elizabeth Hooper*



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**Kyle Kent** - February 26, 2019 at 12:24 AM

JP

“ *Janice Allen Pirkey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Billie Elizabeth Hooper*



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**Janice Allen Pirkey** - February 25, 2019 at 10:04 PM

ED

“ My favorite high school teacher, and a beloved family friend...Billie will be missed by many. I will never forget the month I lived with her in my junior year...she made me study for the SAT's!! We had a great time together! I will never forget her! My condolences to the family...I love y'all, too! God Bless You All!

Elizabeth Dismukes - February 25, 2019 at 10:00 PM

MB

“ Margaret Green Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Billie Elizabeth Hooper



Margaret Green Brown - February 25, 2019 at 09:47 PM



“ I am sorry to hear about Billie's death. Her daughter Paula and I were classmates in Henderson, Tx. She was a great teacher and also known for her orange cake recipe. Memories of her are Treasures.



Linda Romer - February 25, 2019 at 09:30 PM

DN

“ Donna Jo Newman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Billie Elizabeth Hooper



Donna Jo Newman - February 25, 2019 at 09:05 PM

ML

“ Beth and family, I am so sorry to hear about your mom. Fond memories of her from high school. She was strict but also made English fun. I saw her a couple of times when my mom was at Azalea House a couple of years ago.

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**Marcella McRae Lawless** - February 25, 2019 at 08:46 PM

KL

“ I can still visualize Mrs. Hooper standing in front of English class giving words of advice regarding homework - good advice that I still remember some 50 years later. She touched many lives in a positive way. Condolences to the Hooper family.

*Kathleen Lynch*

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**Kathleen Lynch** - February 25, 2019 at 07:32 PM

DW

“ One of the most influential people in my life. We had grammar lessons virtually every day while at the Mart's house, which was often. She could correct us from anywhere in the house. After entering the IT consulting world, and spending much of my time writing proposals, reading contracts, preparing reports, explaining the value of one solution over another or presenting to groups, her mentoring and teaching contributed significantly to my career. Truly blessed to know her and all of the Hooper family.

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**David Wylie** - February 25, 2019 at 06:54 PM

KW

“ Prayers to all the Hooper family on the loss of your mother and BeBe.

*Much love,*

*Kim West*



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**Kim Wesr** - February 25, 2019 at 05:55 PM

JN

“ My heartfelt sympathy on the death of Mrs. Hooper. She is one of my fondest memories from HHS days. Godspeed on her journey.

*Judy Romer Nutter*

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**Judy Nutter** - February 25, 2019 at 05:25 PM

WS

“ Wayne Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Billie Elizabeth Hooper



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**Wayne Sanders** - February 25, 2019 at 04:42 PM



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**Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home** - February 25, 2019 at 04:06 PM

LC

“ Dear Hooper family, Dear Sweet Lady  
keeping family in thoughts and prayers.  
Linda Culp



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**Linda Culp** - February 25, 2019 at 01:44 PM

GL

“ Geary Lee



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**Geary Lee** - February 25, 2019 at 01:23 PM