



## Ms. Donna Harrell Phenix

January 1, 1955 - December 10, 2025

Donna Harrell Phenix, 70, of Rockwall, formerly of Henderson, passed from this life on December 10, 2025, in Rockwall. She was born on January 1, 1955, in Tacoma, Washington, at Madigan Army Hospital to William White and Dorothy White. She grew up in Baytown, Texas, alongside her brother, Larry White. Donna graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1973 before attending Lee College. She later earned her Bachelor of Arts in Teaching with a Kindergarten endorsement from Sam Houston State University in 1978.

Donna devoted 33 years to education, teaching kindergarten through fifth grade in Houston ISD, Corpus Christi ISD, and Henderson ISD. During her career, she was honored as Northside Intermediate School Teacher of the Year (1997–98) and Texas Scholar Elementary Teacher of the Year, Class of 2002—awards voted on by students who admired her deeply. She retired early due to health issues.

Donna was active in several organizations throughout her life, including the Order of Rainbow, Order of the Eastern Star, and professional teaching organizations. Outside of teaching, she enjoyed sewing, crafting, genealogy, and traveling.

Donna is survived by her children, Jennifer Warren and husband Brad of Royse City, TX, and Michael Harrell and wife Kristi of League City, TX. She

was a proud grandmother to Harper Warren, Lillian Warren, Ella Warren, Norah Warren and Hollis Warren, as well as grandsons Graham Harrell and Connor Harrell.

She is also survived by her brother Larry White and wife Sherry of Baytown, TX, along with two nephews, one niece, and four cousins.

Donna was preceded in death by her mother, Dorothy White, and her father, William White, as well as her grandparents, Dottie and Gladys Pinkerton of Minden, TX, and Horace and Bernice White of Brachfield, TX.

The family will receive friends from 12 - 1 PM on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, in the chapel at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home. A graveside service will follow the visitation at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, at Maple Grove Cemetery with David White officiating. Interment will follow under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Michael Harrell, Brad Warren, David White, Larry White, Graham Harrell, Connor Harrell, and James Harrell.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Grove Cemetery

CR-3141D  
Mt. Enterprise, TX 75681

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **16**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home  
1414 South Main Street  
Henderson, TX 75654

## Graveside

DEC **16**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Maple Grove Cemetery  
CR-3141D  
Mt. Enterprise, TX 75681

# Tribute Wall



“ *Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Donna Harrell Phenix*



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**Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home** - December 15, 2025 at 10:54 AM

JM

*Donna and I taught together for several years. She was always a model for me...not only as an exemplary teacher, but as an outstanding woman of virtue. She not only touched the lives of the children she taught, but also those who were blessed to be her friend.*  
*Judy Melton*

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**Judy Melton** - December 19, 2025 at 04:55 AM

JE

“ *Donna was a classy lady. I got to know her when she was subbing at Northside. She sure did adore her grandkids. Praying for her family.*



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**JONI EWING** - December 26, 2025 at 12:41 AM

DA

“ Donna Dorsey Aaron lit a candle in memory of Donna Harrell Phenix



Donna Dorsey Aaron - December 13, 2025 at 12:25 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Donna was one of my son's favorite teachers.  
Cathy Hooper

Cathy Hooper - December 12, 2025 at 01:49 PM

PA

“ She was a beloved teacher at Northside💜

Pam Adams - December 11, 2025 at 09:47 PM

NG

“ We are so sorry to see this. Donna and I were church friends when she lived in Henderson and actually related on the White side of the family. Donna was a wonderful hardworking mother, friend, teacher, and grandmother . Praying for all the family.

Nancy & Mark Gibson - December 11, 2025 at 03:59 PM

LW

“ Lacy Weaver lit a candle in memory of Donna Harrell Phenix



Lacy Weaver - December 11, 2025 at 02:53 PM

SE

“ *The Eckert family loves you and so grateful we got to meet you and be neighbors for a few years! Rest in peace sweet Mimi.*

Stacy Eckert - December 10, 2025 at 10:42 PM

NC

“ *Donna lived next door to me in Corpus Christi. Along with Luann Johnson, we spent time outside in the front yard visiting. She was a wonderful person. I really enjoyed her friendship. Nancy Goodman Clements.*

Nancy Clements - December 10, 2025 at 03:00 PM

CF

“ *Cliff and Krista Furtick lit a candle in memory of Donna Harrell Phenix*



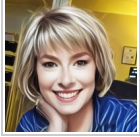
Cliff and Krista Furtick - December 10, 2025 at 02:44 PM

CH

“ *Cindy hancock lit a candle in memory of Donna Harrell Phenix*



Cindy hancock - December 10, 2025 at 02:37 PM



“ Ms. Harrell was my 5th grade teacher, along with Mrs. Carpenter. Prayers lifted for you and your family.



Dotti Sweeney-Roberts - December 10, 2025 at 02:19 PM

TS

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your mom. She and I taught math together many years at Northside in Henderson.  
Paula Sweeney



The Sweeneys - December 10, 2025 at 02:07 PM

KB

“ Ms. Donna was such a sweet person. I worked with her at Northside in Henderson for 5 years. We even enjoyed a trip to Breckenridge with some other friends who were also teachers. We made some great memories shopping, dog sledding, and hanging by the fire. Praying for her family at this time ❤️

Kellie Barker - December 10, 2025 at 01:27 PM

JC

“ I am saddened to hear this news. I worked with Donna for a few short years at Northside. She was a great teacher and coworker. She kept me laughing. GodSpeed my friend.

Jennifer Craig - December 10, 2025 at 12:19 PM