



Mrs. Geneva Craycraft

June 25, 1929 - November 17, 2021

Funeral Services for Mrs. Geneva Gibson Craycraft, 92, of Mount Enterprise, Texas will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, November 19, 2021, in the chapel at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral home with Bob Payne officiating. Interment will follow at King Cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 10:00 am until service time on Friday, November 19, 2021 at the funeral home.

Mrs. Craycraft passed from this life November 17, 2021 at the age of 92 at Autumn Leaves Nursing and Rehabilitation in Henderson, Texas. She was born June 25th, 1929 to W. E. Gibson and Willie James Gibson in the Helmic Community in Trinity County, Texas. As a young child, she and her family moved to Centerville, Texas, also in Trinity County, where she attended school. She graduated as valedictorian of Centerville High School in 1946 at the age of 16. Following her high school graduation, she attended Sam Houston State College for one year. She then taught for two years in the Centerville Independent School District on an emergency teaching certificate. It was during this time, she met and married Ben Craycraft on September 4th, 1948. Later, they moved to Mount Enterprise where she continued her college education at Stephen F. Austin State College earning both Bachelors and Master's Degrees in Elementary Education. Mrs. Craycraft was employed by

the Mount Enterprise Independent School District for 32 years being the only 1st grade teacher in the District until her retirement.

When Mrs. Craycraft began her teaching career, kindergarten had yet to be introduced in the District; hence, for many of her students, she was their first mother figure away from home. She pulled teeth, cut bangs, provided clothing, all the while freely sharing her smiles, love and teaching expertise with two generations of students. Among her students were all three of her children and one son-in-law.

Mrs. Craycraft was recognized by Who's Who Among America's Teachers. She was an active member of the Mount Enterprise church of Christ and enjoyed sewing, tending her flowers, gardening and playing the piano.

Mrs. Craycraft was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 66 years Ben Craycraft, parents W.E. and Willie Gibson, brother James Lanier Gibson and daughter-in-law Sally Craycraft.

She is survived by son Ken Craycraft of Frisco, Texas, daughters Deidra Rivers and husband Barry, Benita Tabch and husband Moni all of Mount Enterprise. grandchildren Chris Rivers (Tiffany) of Nacogdoches, Texas, Bettie Rivers of Carrollton, Texas, Chad Craycraft (Krystle) of Highland Park, Texas and Joumana Williams (Stephen) of Lindale, Texas, great grandchildren Hadyn and Cade Rivers, Sofia Cabrera, Benjamin Williams and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be grandsons, Chris Rivers and Chad Craycraft, great-grandson, Cade Rivers, nephews, Mike Dodds, Ray Craycraft, Paul Craycraft, and David Jarvis.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of East Texas, 4111

University Blvd. Tyler, Texas, 75701 or South Main church of Christ, P. O. Box 1597, Henderson, Texas, 75654.

The family wishes to thank Ms. Winnie Allison, Jackie Ervin, Hospice of East Texas and the Staff at Autumn Leaves Nursing and Rehabilitation, Hall 300 for their loving and compassionate care.

A very heartfelt thank you to a very special friend, Janie Poe, for her unselfish aid and kindness during this difficult time.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

King Cemetery

FM 3055
Mt. Enterprise, TX 75681

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Service

NOV 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Henderson, TX 75654

Tribute Wall



“ *Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Geneva Craycraft*



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - November 18, 2021 at 02:39 PM

SA

*Benita and family,
you are in my thoughts and prayers. May you find comfort in knowing
your precious mother is with our Lord and Savior. Love, Suzi*

Suzi Hancock Arthofer - November 18, 2021 at 09:05 PM

AW

Beautiful Memories!

Andrea Walker - November 19, 2021 at 10:30 AM

JA

Precious! 🙏💙

Janie - November 20, 2021 at 08:08 AM

EM

“ *Eddie And Debbie Moore lit a candle in
memory of Mrs. Geneva Craycraft*



Eddie and Debbie Moore - November 21, 2021 at 02:29 PM

BP

“ Brody, Traci, And Carolina Perry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Geneva Craycraft



Brody, Traci, and Carolina Perry - November 21, 2021 at 02:28 PM

CC

“ Curtis/Kim Cobb lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Geneva Craycraft



Curtis/Kim Cobb - November 19, 2021 at 06:37 PM

TM

“ Trudy McGill lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Geneva Craycraft



Trudy McGill - November 19, 2021 at 02:33 PM

LC

“ Larry Creel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Geneva Craycraft



Larry Creel - November 19, 2021 at 01:47 PM

AW

“ *Andrea Walker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Geneva Craycraft*



Andrea Walker - November 19, 2021 at 08:42 AM

CB

“ *Geneva was always a very nice lady. Always enjoyed talking to her. She will be missed.*

Cliff Bilbo - November 19, 2021 at 07:04 AM

JE

“ *I would like to extend my deepest condolences to the Craycraft family. It was an immense pleasure and honor to be able to care for Mrs. Craycraft during her time here at Autumn Leaves. I pray that God wraps his arms around your family and that you all can find some comfort during your time of grief.*



Jessica - November 18, 2021 at 11:11 PM

CG

“ *Cathy Lee Griffin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Geneva Craycraft*



Cathy Lee Griffin - November 18, 2021 at 08:48 PM

SM

“ Shannon Marsh McKey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Geneva Craycraft



Shannon Marsh McKey - November 18, 2021 at 07:29 PM

BR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Barry Rivers - November 18, 2021 at 02:54 PM

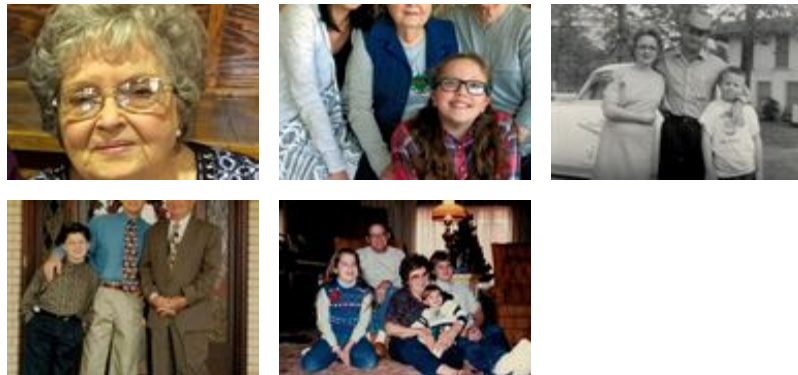
JA



Janie - November 20, 2021 at 07:33 AM



“ 221 files added to the album LifeTributes



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - November 18, 2021 at 02:31 PM

WR

“ Mrs. Craycraft was my brother, Joe Ramey’s first grade teacher in 1951 in Mt Enterprise. When I told him of her death, he was saddened but had sweet memories. He remembered that all the boys were “in love” with her because she was so pretty and nice . I remember her from seeing her at school and other events in town. We were Baptist, but in summer, we attended Bible school at other churches. I remember her teaching us songs at the Church of Christ. We wish sincere sympathy to The family.



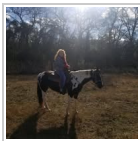
Winnie Ramey - November 18, 2021 at 12:51 PM

MB

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Marcia Gibson Best - November 18, 2021 at 10:09 AM



“ Shawna Blevins Sollars lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Geneva Craycraft



Shawna Blevins Sollars - November 18, 2021 at 09:07 AM

TV

“ *Tom Vaught lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Geneva Craycraft*



Tom Vaught - November 18, 2021 at 09:07 AM



“ *Benita,
I am so sorry for the loss of your sweet mama.
Cathy*

Cathy Hooper - November 18, 2021 at 08:26 AM

BH

“ *Oh how we loved and will miss Mrs. Geneva. She was my very first employer!❤️🙏 She let me clean her house when I was in Junior High there at Mt. Enterprise and she and Mr. Ben shared so many stories with me over the years. Precious precious people! Praying for all of you as I know you will miss her greatly, but thanking Jesus for such an amazing, beautiful and long life!*

Brandy Adkins Hernandez - November 18, 2021 at 01:27 AM

JC

“ *JIM AND JEANNE COWART*



Jim Cowart - November 17, 2021 at 08:50 PM

JB

“ Janet Beall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Geneva Craycraft



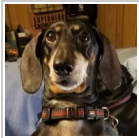
Janet Beall - November 17, 2021 at 08:41 PM

JR

“ Joe Dan & Gail Risinger lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Geneva Craycraft



Joe Dan & Gail Risinger - November 17, 2021 at 07:31 PM



“ Such a great member of our Mt. Enterprise community. She touched many a person and family over her 92 years. I know there are fig trees in Heaven and she can now make fig preserves for Mr. Ben. She used to come and pick figs off of my trees to make her famous preserves.

Carter Langford - November 17, 2021 at 06:48 PM

ET

“ She was such a sweet lady.



Elouise S. Tarbet - November 17, 2021 at 05:26 PM

LP

“ Prayers for peace & comfort during this difficult time.

Love , Lana,Bailey& Wesley Porter



Lana Porter - November 17, 2021 at 05:02 PM

CN

“ Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Geneva Craycraft



Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb - November 17, 2021 at 03:14 PM

DN

“ Donna Newman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Geneva Craycraft



Donna Newman - November 17, 2021 at 01:48 PM

CV

“ Carla Vaught lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Geneva Craycraft



Carla Vaught - November 17, 2021 at 01:16 PM

VW

“ *Van And Wyndi Vaught lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Geneva Craycraft*



Van and Wyndi Vaught - November 17, 2021 at 11:21 AM

JW

“ *Jacqueline Webb lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Geneva Craycraft*



Jacqueline webb - November 17, 2021 at 10:04 AM