



## Ms. Jo Nell Brooks Strong

March 28, 1948 - June 4, 2026

Graveside services to celebrate the life of Ms. Jo Nell Brooks Strong, 78, of Cedar Hill, will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, June 13, 2026, at Zion Hill Cemetery with Dr. Shane Harper officiating. Interment will be under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

Ms. Strong passed from this life on June 4, 2026, in Dallas. She was born on March 28, 1948, in Henderson to the late Cliff and Virginia (Lloyd) Brooks and graduated from Henderson High School in 1965. Jo then attended Stephen F. Austin State University before moving to Houston where she worked as an administrative assistant for Hunt Oil. Ms. Strong would go on to work for Abilene ISD for nearly 20 years and then for Duncanville ISD from which she retired. As she enjoyed fine clothes and shoes, Jo Nell also worked a second job in retail during her time with the schools.

Throughout her high school years, Ms. Strong worked for the Smith family at Smith Chevrolet in Henderson, a job she truly enjoyed. She was also an avid reader and was active in the Mary and Martha ministry at First Baptist Church of Cedar Hill. Jo had an undeniable love for her nephews, and later great-nieces and nephews, and was really a second mother and grandmother to them.

Survivors include her sister and brother Vicki Brooks Harper and husband Jeff

of Dallas, and Lloyd Brooks and wife Amy of Henderson; nephews Dr. Shane Harper and wife Amber of Amarillo and their children Hagen Harper and wife Brea with their daughter Lynlee of Lubbock and Keely Harper of Amarillo, Cody Brooks Harper and Dr. Megan Filkins of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Corey Brooks and wife Brandy of Henderson and their children Clayton Brooks of Henderson, Alley Brooks of Bryan, Caitlyn Brooks and her daughter Callie of Henderson, and Kristen Purtle of Henderson; and a host of cousins, other family and friends.

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

# Upcoming Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN 13. 1:00 PM (CT)

Zion Hill Cemetery  
CR 368  
Minden, TX 75680

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Tony and Anita Cavaliere lit a candle in memory of Jo Nell Brooks Strong* ”



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