



## Mrs. Loyce Laine (Dorsey) Elam Radford

August 26, 1946 - September 21, 2025

Loyce Laine (Dorsey) Elam Radford, 79, passed away peacefully with family by her side on September 21, 2025 in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. She was born on August 26, 1946, in Kilgore, Texas, to Loy E Dorsey Jr. and Joyce Elaine (Busby) Dorsey.

Loyce spent much of her childhood at Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, North Carolina, before returning to Texas, where she graduated from Henderson High School in 1965. She went on to earn her teaching degree from the University of North Texas in Denton in 1969 and later received her Master's degree from the University of Texas at Tyler. Her career was dedicated to education and service. Loyce began as the beloved librarian at Henderson Middle School, where she inspired countless students with her love for books and learning. After retiring from the library, she continued her calling as a teacher, working with GED students at prisons in Henderson and Overton, Texas. She was deeply proud of the lives she touched there and the hope she helped restore through education.

In 1995, Loyce married Mike Radford, and together they shared a life of faith, family, and community. Together, they combined their families, her two sons, Michael Elam and M. Keith Watson and his two daughters, Shelly Aslakson and Lea Radford. Loyce was a member of the Bar None Cowboy Church and Henderson Civic Theatre where she was in many plays. Loyce was known for

her sharp wit and her keen eye for grammar—something her friends and family often found both endearing and entertaining.

Family was the center of Loyce's life, and her grandson Austin was her world. She especially cherished her role as "Nana" to Austin, Oliver, Nixie and Stormy, and "Lulu" to Rebecca, Megan, Emily, Asher, and Harper. Loyce will be remembered as a devoted educator, a woman of strong faith, and a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend.

Loyce was preceded in death by her husband, Mike Radford; Parents, Loy E Dorsey Jr and Joyce Elaine (Busby) Dorsey.

Survivors include her sons, Michael Elam and wife Nicola of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, and M. Keith Watson; Daughters, Shelly Aslakson and Lea Radford of Washington State; Grandchildren, Austin Elam, Michell Bumgarner and spouse Kyle Kroth, Megan Watson Green and husband Brady, Rebecca Harrison and husband Devin; Great- Grandchildren, Stormy, Nixie, Oliver, Emily, Asher, and Harper; Brother, Loy Dorsey and wife Leann of Henderson, Texas; and Sister, Donna J Dorsey of Henderson, Texas.

Memorial graveside services for Mrs. Radford will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, October 18, 2025, at Rusk County Memorial Gardens. Burial will follow under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Rusk County Memorial Gardens

5013 US Hwy 259  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Previous Events

## Memorial Graveside

OCT 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DA

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Donna J Aaron - October 17, 2025 at 06:29 PM



“ *Barbara Bangert lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Loyce Laine (Dorsey) Elam Radford*

Barbara Bangert - October 17, 2025 at 07:00 AM



SC

“ *Sharon Collins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Loyce Laine (Dorsey) Elam Radford*

Sharon Collins - October 15, 2025 at 08:05 PM



RC

“ *Rosa Lee Cook lit a candle in memory of Loyce Laine (Dorsey) Elam Radford*

Rosa Lee Cook - October 15, 2025 at 04:41 PM



CB

“ *Colleen Briggs lit a candle in memory of Loyce Laine (Dorsey) Elam Radford*



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**Colleen Briggs** - October 14, 2025 at 05:36 AM

SC

“ *Suzanne Cross lit a candle in memory of Loyce Laine (Dorsey) Elam Radford*



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**Suzanne Cross** - October 13, 2025 at 02:31 PM

DW

“ *Deanna And Bobby Wooley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Loyce Laine (Dorsey) Elam Radford*



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**Deanna and Bobby Wooley** - October 12, 2025 at 09:46 PM

LT

“ We are saddened to learn of the passing of our dear friend Loyce. We cherish the many memories and experiences we shared, especially of those times while Michael and Eric were growing up. I recall one long week-end we took the boys to Dallas for the spring opening of Six Flags, the science museum, and the aquarium, but the boys preferred to stay at the hotel and play in the indoor pool. Although we were disappointed that they did not want to follow our plan, Loyce pointed out that the hotel pool was a lot cheaper than the entrance tickets to the other attractions. She always had a great attitude about things in life. The world has lost a lovely lady, but God has found another angel.  
Larry and Julie Tanner

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**Larry and Julie Tanner** - October 12, 2025 at 11:54 AM

JS

“ Loyce was my best friend since she taught me how to put newspapers on sticks in the junior high library. She fondly named those sticks “The Johnson Sticks.” We had many years of laughter and love in the HCT where we spent hours of blood, sweat and tears renovating the old opera house. “Blithe Spirit” sealed our souls. We shared life experiences and she was truly the sister I never had.  
I will miss you every day, Ruth, but especially when I need to pick up the phone and call you to hear your boisterous laugh. Please know you are missed and loved. Parting is such sweet sorrow....  
Until we meet again.... Love, Elvira

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**Jan Spann** - October 10, 2025 at 09:29 AM

JB

“ Joe Dan & Margaret G Brown lit a candle in memory of Loyce Laine (Dorsey) Elam Radford



Joe Dan & Margaret G Brown - October 10, 2025 at 06:58 AM

RC

“ Loyce was a good friend, a good lady. She always had a smile and made you happy to be around her. Prayers for the family and she will be missed.

Randy Carlock - October 09, 2025 at 09:18 PM



“ Cyndy Broadus lit a candle in memory of Loyce Laine (Dorsey) Elam Radford



Cyndy Broadus - October 09, 2025 at 06:51 PM

SA

“ So sorry for your loss. She was such a sweet lady and will be missed. Prayers for you all.



Sheila And Steve Alford - October 09, 2025 at 11:26 AM

DK

“ *David & Dianna Kelley*



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**David & Dianna Kelley** - October 09, 2025 at 08:05 AM

KO

“ *Sissy I've known you since we first moved here You've always been family to me like your mom. Rest in peace my friend 🙏*

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**kathy Overstreet** - October 08, 2025 at 08:11 PM

DF

“ *diane flanagan lit a candle in memory of Loyce Laine (Dorsey) Elam Radford*



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**diane flanagan** - October 08, 2025 at 02:04 PM

TC

“ *Tony and Anita Cavaliere lit a candle in memory of Loyce Laine (Dorsey) Elam Radford*



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**Tony and Anita Cavaliere** - October 08, 2025 at 01:42 PM

AL

“ *Annette Lochridge lit a candle in memory of Loyce Laine (Dorsey) Elam Radford*



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**Annette Lochridge** - October 08, 2025 at 01:38 PM

BE

“ *Buddy & Dianne Everitt lit a candle in memory of Loyce Laine (Dorsey) Elam Radford*



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**Buddy & Dianne Everitt** - October 08, 2025 at 12:38 PM

JR

“ *A most precious lady who will be missed.*



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**Janie Roberts** - October 08, 2025 at 10:14 AM

JC

“ *I remember Loyce saving a special library book for me from my Jr. hi days after it was placed on retirement status. I still have it. Thanks Loyce*

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**jim cowart** - October 08, 2025 at 09:15 AM

CK

“ Chris and Linda King lit a candle in memory of Loyce Laine (Dorsey) Elam Radford



Chris and Linda King - October 07, 2025 at 07:36 PM

MG

“ We are so sorry for your Loss. Loyce will always be remembered for kindness, sweet spirit, and as the big sister to Loy and Donna. She was always friendly and touched many lives with her love for others.

Mark and Nancy Gibson - October 07, 2025 at 10:06 AM

DA

Thank you Mark and Nancy.  
Loy and I appreciate your kind words. Donna

Donna J Aaron - October 07, 2025 at 06:12 PM

DH

Loy and Donna: My thoughts and prayers are with you. Donna Hudgins Melton

Donna Hudgins-Melton - October 08, 2025 at 06:38 PM

DA

Appreciate you Donna. Haven't seen her in since 2012 this is a hard on for me .  
Loy and Donna

Donna J Aaron - October 11, 2025 at 03:09 AM

DA

Thank you, Loy and Donna

Donna J Aaron - October 12, 2025 at 08:58 AM

DC

“ David and Jan Crow lit a candle in memory of Loyce Laine (Dorsey) Elam Radford



David and Jan Crow - October 07, 2025 at 09:12 AM

PP

“ pud patterson lit a candle in memory of Loyce Laine (Dorsey) Elam Radford



pud patterson - October 07, 2025 at 08:56 AM

BG

“ Thank you Loyce for inspiring your love of reading to your junior high students. Have missed seeing you through the years. Praying for peace and comfort for family and friends.  
Bonnie Geddie



Bonnie Geddie - October 07, 2025 at 08:33 AM

CF

“ Cliff and Krista Furtick lit a candle in memory of Loyce Laine (Dorsey) Elam Radford



Cliff and Krista Furtick - October 07, 2025 at 07:59 AM



“ Pam Brown lit a candle in memory of Loyce Laine (Dorsey) Elam Radford



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**Pam Brown** - October 07, 2025 at 07:47 AM

TA

“ I knew her first as Miss Dorsey, the rather stern Junior High librarian, but our paths crossed in many ways through the years. I'll miss her occasional, out-the-blue DMs about an obscure point of local history, her dog, or a classic movie I really needed to check out. Thanks, Loyce. We will miss you.

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**Tracy Allen** - October 07, 2025 at 02:49 AM

GW

“ Greg W lit a candle in memory of Loyce Laine (Dorsey) Elam Radford



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**Greg W** - October 07, 2025 at 01:13 AM

GK

“ Gene Kelsey lit a candle in memory of Loyce Laine (Dorsey) Elam Radford



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**Gene Kelsey** - October 06, 2025 at 10:53 PM

KE

“ *Karin Eubanks lit a candle in memory of Loyce Laine (Dorsey) Elam Radford*



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**Karin Eubanks** - October 06, 2025 at 10:29 PM

LR

“ *Linda Rogers lit a candle in memory of Loyce Laine (Dorsey) Elam Radford*



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**Linda Rogers** - October 06, 2025 at 10:19 PM

KH

“ *Mollie & Ken Hale*



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**Ken Hale** - October 06, 2025 at 12:12 PM