



## Mrs. Mary Franklin 'Deason' Dunn

April 18, 1920 - January 19, 2018

Mary Franklin (Deason) Dunn born April 18th, 1920 passed away January 19th, 2018 at the age of 97 years old at 8:45pm at Briar Cliff Nursing Home in Carthage, Tx. Funeral services for her will be at 2:00 p.m., Monday, Jan. 22, 2018 at Crawford - A. Crim Funeral Home chapel with Rev. Jimmy Simmons and Scott Whitfield officiating. Interment will follow at Waldrop Cemetery under the direction of Crawford - A. Crim Funeral Home of Henderson.

She was the widow of Douglas Grady Dunn having only been married a short time before his passing and never remarried. Mary Frank, as she was called, was born at home in the Brachfield community of Rusk county. She graduated Henderson ISD and later attended Kilgore College and graduated with a Master's Degree in Home Economics from Texas Women's University in Denton, Tx. She went on to teach at several schools.

Mary Frank was a member of Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church, she also was a member of Daughters of the American Revolution and United Daughters of the Confederacy. She will always be remembered as a beloved teacher, local historian and genealogist. History and family history was always her passion for over 70 years she helped many people find their ancestors. In addition to her husband, she is preceded in death by her parents Franklin B. Deason and Abigail (Rushton) Deason, her sister Margaret and brother-in-law Paul McAlpin. Mary Frank is survived by her son Douglas G. Dunn Jr. and wife Jo Ann, 2 grandchildren Douglas Dunn III and wife Francis and Kari

Whitfield and husband Scott. She also had 5 great grandchildren Quinton and Ashlynn Springer and Mackenzie, Jacey and Natalie Dunn.

Pallbearers are Scott Whitfield, Quinton Springer, Jimmy Dale Dunn, Johnny Dunn, Lance Richardson, David Gatlin, and Jerry Woodward. Honorary pallbearers are Byron Deason and Jimmy Dunn.

Condolences may be made at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Waldrop

1024 FM 1251  
Beckville, TX 75631

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 22. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

JAN 22. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

PS

“ *Doug, Jo Ann and Family,*

*We are grateful that we had the opportunity to meet and visit with Mary Frank on several occasions. She contributed to the lives of others and her community in many ways. We especially remember her for her kindnesses to Fred. We extend our deepest sympathy in the loss of such a sweet lady. We are sorry we missed her services. We were out of town. God bless you.*

*Al and Paulette Springer*

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**Paulette Springer** - February 13, 2018 at 05:12 PM

PG

“ *As a lover of local history, and resident of Pinehill, I offer most sincere gratitude for Mrs Dunn and her priceless service to our community . She has given us and future generations a gift of bringing the history to life. To her family and friends, my deepest sympathies. Respectfully, Patricia George*

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**Patricia George** - January 26, 2018 at 08:26 PM

DD

“ *Debra Dorsey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Franklin 'Deason' Dunn*



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**Debra Dorsey** - January 24, 2018 at 05:20 PM

FD

“ Doug and Jo Ann, I'm so sorry I missed Mary Frank's services. She was such a sweet and friendly lady. I taught with her at Carlisle many years ago. I know you have many precious memories of her. God bless you. Fay Dorsey

Fay Dorsey - January 23, 2018 at 05:33 PM

CB

“ Carolyn Orr Boren lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Franklin 'Deason' Dunn



Carolyn Orr Boren - January 23, 2018 at 01:23 PM

CB

Skipper, JoAnn and family, I am so sorry to hear of your great loss, Mary Frank was a very special Christian lady and heaven has gained another angel. I cherish all the many visits we shared together about the history of Brachfield and especially Welch Springs and our Welch family.

Love and Prayers,  
Carolyn Orr Boren

Carolyn Boren - January 23, 2018 at 01:52 PM

GW

“ Gwen Worley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Franklin 'Deason' Dunn



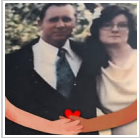
Gwen Worley - January 23, 2018 at 10:55 AM

BH

“ Bobby Hunt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Franklin 'Deason' Dunn



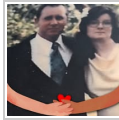
Bobby Hunt - January 22, 2018 at 12:45 PM



“ Nadine Locke lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Franklin 'Deason' Dunn



Nadine Locke - January 22, 2018 at 08:19 AM



*Mary Frank and I are distant cousins. We only met a few times over my lifetime, but I was fond of her. I so appreciate the family history research she has left for us and all the other contributions she has made to our local history. I am trying to pass on as much as I can to family. Dr. Timothy Deason was my 2nd great grandfather through his son Thomas Mansfield Deason. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Nadine Deason Locke*

Nadine Locke - January 22, 2018 at 08:29 AM

WL

“ Wanda Griffith Little lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Franklin 'Deason' Dunn



Wanda Griffith Little - January 21, 2018 at 04:31 PM

WL

*So sorry for your loss. She was an inspiration to all of us.*

**Wanda Griffith Little** - January 21, 2018 at 04:33 PM

WR

“ *So sorry to learn of Mary Franks passing. Doug what wonderful fun memories of our growing up years together! What a blessing we received when last June Rusty, Kent, Kyle and myself (Wayne) visited her at her home! Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family! She's at the Great Family Reunion and you know she's smiling!*

*Love, Wayne and Sandy Rushton and sons*

**Wayne and Sandy Rushton** - January 21, 2018 at 03:04 PM

SG

“ *Stephanie & Tony Gresham lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Franklin 'Deason' Dunn*



**Stephanie & Tony Gresham** - January 21, 2018 at 11:39 AM

ST

*So sorry for your loss. In our prayers.*

**Stephanie** - January 21, 2018 at 11:41 AM

BH

“ *Mary Frank was a very sweet lady with always a smile on her face. Skipper my prayers are with you and your family. Since I'm out of town I will be unable to attend the services. Love to all of you.*

*Barbara Waldrop Hargaves*

**Barbara Hargaves** - January 21, 2018 at 10:24 AM

ES

“ *Elwanda Hunt Sheridan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Franklin 'Deason' Dunn*



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**Elwanda Hunt Sheridan** - January 21, 2018 at 06:37 AM

KH

“ *Kurt Hunt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Franklin 'Deason' Dunn*



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**Kurt Hunt** - January 21, 2018 at 06:05 AM

RH

“ *Ray Hunt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Franklin 'Deason' Dunn*



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**Ray Hunt** - January 20, 2018 at 09:37 PM

JK

“*Ms. Mary Frank was a remarkable lady. She taught my grandmother homemaking at Minden. Though she worked in several other school districts, I have heard her speak affectionately of her “Minden girls.” My grandmother, Opal Griffith Simmons, often said there were many things she might never have learned had it not been for Mary Frank. Ms. Mary Frank and I shared a love of local history, and she knew just about anything there was to know when it came to Brachfield, Texas. I treasure many memories of our visits together, and her loved ones are in my prayers.*

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**Jake Keeling** - January 20, 2018 at 09:01 PM

“ Oh, How I will miss Mary Frank!

*She was always ready to go look at a cemetery or a house place or show me documents she had on this or that family. She knew something about everyone and every place! She never tired of learning and putting together information she had gained over her lifetime of research. She was interested in everything and was a very interesting lady to talk to. She was one of the smartest people I have had the privilege to know.*

*When she was well past 90 she climbed right over a tall gate to look for more relatives at a cemetery where we knew a Blackstock and a Deason were buried. Her Uncle Tim Deason was my Great Great Uncle Tim; the doctor who treated his sister Emma Ann Deason Harrell's grandchildren. My mother, Geneva Harrell Buckner, was one of those grandchildren.*

*I am so grateful to have known her these many years, and to have benefited by her conversation, generosity and wit. She helped me with some information about cemeteries only a few months ago.*

*The research she gave to the Rusk County Historical Commission, her contributions to the Howard-Dickinson House and the books she wrote are a lasting testament to her brilliant research, her attention to detail, her irrefutable (and well documented) data and her generous spirit.*

*We have lost a wonderful lady and most valuable historian.*

*Keri, I hope you are able to preserve and carry on her research. She was so proud of you.*

*Skipper, she mentioned you and your family often. She loved you all so much and she was so happy that you lived near.*

*You have my deepest sympathy.*

*Joan Smith*

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**Joan Smith** - January 20, 2018 at 07:38 PM



“ *Loved this sweet lady! So honored to have been part of her life!*

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**Christy Stanart** - January 20, 2018 at 09:11 AM

RJ

“ *Praying for the family. Mrs. Dunn was a special Lady. So very sorry for your loss, Judy Utzman, Randy and Tracey Johnson and Family*



**Randy and Tracey Johnson** - January 20, 2018 at 03:11 AM

SA

“ *Very Sorry to learn of Mary Frank's passing. This lady knew more about Rusk County History than most people living here! There is none to replace her. I'm sorry I couldn't have gotten by to visit before she passed away. Sympathy and Prayers for the Family.*



*Sam Adams  
Tatum, Texas*

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**Sam Adams** - January 20, 2018 at 01:24 AM