



## Mrs Mary Jean Hayden

May 29, 1930 - April 1, 2025

Funeral services for Mary Jean Hayden, of Tyler, will be held at 10:00 am on Monday, April 7, 2025, in the chapel at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home in Henderson with Rev. Kimberly Carney officiating.

The family will receive friends from 9:00 am to 10:00 am at the funeral home prior to Monday's memorial service.

Jean passed away April 1, 2025 in Longview. She was born May 29, 1930 in Eros, Louisiana to Roy and Ottie (Zeigler) Phillips and has been a resident of East Texas for over 60 years. After receiving her Bachelor's Degree from Louisiana Tech, she worked as a lab technician before beginning a long, fulfilling career teaching Chemistry, Biology and Science. She taught in several schools in East Texas, including Overton ISD and Tyler ISD – most notably at John Tyler High School from where she retired in 1992 after teaching there for 17 years. She was a long-time member of Fairview United Methodist Church in Tyler. Jean loved to dance and was known as one of the great dancers at TASCAs where she was a regular and even the younger gentlemen preferred her as a dance partner. Jean took great pleasure in nurturing her flowers and plants - among her favorites were her azaleas and hydrangeas. Jean loved her dog Chloe who no doubt was excitedly greeting her at the gates of Heaven. She loved nothing more than being Mom and Memaw to her family, a source of great pride and joy. She took every

opportunity to tell each of them "I love you all the world."

Jean was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Ottie Phillips, and her brother, Barron Phillips.

Survivors include her children, Susan Hayden of Atlanta, Texas, Laura Bates and husband Johnny of Wills Point, Texas, Phillip Hayden and wife Beverly of Longview, Texas; grandchildren, Teresa Golightly, Jessica Bentley and husband Chad, Tara Peck and husband Randall, Whitney Kearney and husband Adam, Ashley Jones and husband Chris, Tyler Hayden and wife Rachael, Blaine Morris and wife Lauren, Chelsea Smith and husband Clayton, Logan Morris and wife Lindy, Jennifer Miller and husband, Danny; niece, Ginger Boothe; twenty great grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren, and a host of other family and friends.

The family would like to thank the staff of the memory care unit of Haven Oaks of Longview for their care, concern and compassion in caring for their loved one in her final weeks.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 7. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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

## Service

APR 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs Mary Jean Hayden*



**Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home** - April 07, 2025 at 09:17 AM



*I'm so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you ❤️*

**Wren Wood** - April 16, 2025 at 02:31 PM

MO

“ *Jean was my lovely neighbor for 2 years in Tyler, and she loved my little boy who shared the same birthday with her, just 89 years apart! After moving away we would keep in touch with letters and phone calls. She was such a dear friend and I loved her and am so sorry to hear she has passed away. She always would say "please remember me when I'm gone!" I certainly will, Jean!*

**Melissa Overton** - June 26, 2025 at 01:52 PM

SS

“ *Mrs Hayden taught my Physical Science class at John Tyler when I was a Freshman. Good times were shared. The later years I was Blessed to see and talk to her as she walked Broadway Square Mall. Continued Prayers for her family!*  
*Shawuana Spencer*  
*John Tyler High Class of 1989*

**Shawuana Spencer** - April 04, 2025 at 07:22 AM

JB

*Thank you Shawuana! I am her granddaughter and I'm an educator because of Meemaw, it's so nice to hear from students that loves her and I can tell you she loved her students!*

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**Jessica Bates Bentley** - April 06, 2025 at 10:03 PM

JB

“ *So sad to hear of her passing. She was a wonderful, loving, caring teacher who demanded the best of her students. May God give her family grace and comfort in this time.*

*James Bynum  
Overton High School  
Class of 1980*

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**James Edward Bynum** - April 03, 2025 at 12:54 PM

JB

*Thank you James.*

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**Jessica Bates Bentley** - April 06, 2025 at 10:04 PM

ML

“ *It was sad when Rita called to let me know of Mary Jean's passing. I miss our phones calls and visits by phone to keep track of all our cousins and children. She loved her Phillips family. Jean was a very special cousin, we grew up near each other. She and Charles lived next door to me when they lived in Jonesboro. Susan, your were toddler at that time. My thoughts are with you Phil and Lara. She was very pretty lady. Thinking of you all, Margaret Ann Phillips Labit.*

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**Margaret Labit** - April 03, 2025 at 12:24 PM