



## Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Tipps

September 5, 1920 - February 5, 2016

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Tipps, 95, of Overton, will be held at 10:00 AM Monday, February 8, 2016 in the chapel of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home with Rev. Fred Parsons officiating. Interment will follow at Lakewood Memorial Park under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 3 to 5 PM Sunday, February 7, 2016 at the funeral home.

In the early hours of February 5, 2016, Mary Elizabeth Tipps, 95, of Overton, Texas, passed peacefully from this life to the next at ETMC Henderson following a recent stay at Autumn Leaves Nursing and Rehab Center.

Elizabeth Tipps was born at home on September 5, 1920 in the Shake Rag Community, a "suburb" of Good Springs. She was the second child of Irene Chambers Paxton and Woodie Osvell Paxton. Elizabeth spent her early years at the Gulf Oil Pipeline Camp in Shake Rag where her father worked, and later graduated from Henderson High School. Her senior class mates voted her most beautiful girl. She attended Stephen F. Austin State University.

Elizabeth married George Wood Tipps in 1936 and they made their home in Sacul (Lucas spelled backwards), Texas, where George Wood worked for Gulf

and Elizabeth was one of three employees of Sacul State Bank. Customers who needed to borrow money would visit the drug store next door to speak with Mr. Cranford, the pharmacist and president of the bank, who would write the loan approval instructions on a prescription pad and send the customers to Elizabeth to fund the loan. Gulf later transferred George Wood to its pump station near Overton, Texas, and the couple made Overton their permanent home. Elizabeth lived there until she suffered a fall and broken bones in August 2015.

After moving to Overton, Elizabeth went to work for Warren & Miller Trucking Company as bookkeeper and office manager. Following George Wood's death in 1975 and the subsequent retirement of the company's owners, Elizabeth bought Warren & Miller and ran it as a successful concern until 1994. She was a good business woman and was not afraid of making difficult decisions. When the oil industry experienced a downturn in the 1980s, Elizabeth secured the garbage collection contract for the City of Overton, maintaining jobs for her long time employees. She was a tough but generous boss.

Elizabeth was active in her church and community. She as a long time member of First United Methodist Church of Overton, where she served as Sunday School Superintendent, Sunday School teacher, member of the chancel choir, member of the Church Council and lay delegate to the Annual Conference. Elizabeth was one of the first women inducted into the Overton Rotary Club, and she maintained perfect attendance until recently, and was a Paul Harris Fellow. She was a two term President of the Overton-New London Chamber of Commerce and voted Outstanding Citizen of the Year in 1987. She held positions on the Henderson Memorial Hospital Board, the Private Industry Council-East Texas Council of Governments Board, and the Overton Industrial Foundation Board. She was a member of the Overton Planning and Zoning Commission. For over ten years, she was Lay Director of The Good Samaritan, a charitable organization sponsored by Overton churches.

In her spare time, Elizabeth loved to play bridge and, in later years, mah jong. She was a member of the Queen Price Garden Club of Overton and was a member of the District Board and State Board of the Texas Garden Clubs. She enjoyed traveling and visited over twenty five countries around the world. However, her most treasured moments were the times she spent with her son and daughter-in-law and her granddaughters.

Elizabeth was preceded in death by her parents and husband, George Wood Tipps and brother Edwin O. Paxton. She is survived by her son, George Wood Tipps, Jr. " Woodie" and daughter-in-law, Deborah; two granddaughters, Annabelle Leigh Tipps and Mary Margaret Tipps, all of Henderson. She also leaves behind several nieces and nephews and many great friends in Overton and Rusk County.

Pallbearers will be Kelly Stroud, Jim Hamblen, Johnnie Griffin, George Philley, Pat Beets, and Dale Grandstaff. Honorary pallbearers will be Orion K. Stroud, and Jack Montgomery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Overton, 213 E. Henderson St., Overton, Tx 75684.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Lakewood Memorial Park

1001 Van Buren St.  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 7. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

FEB 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



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



**Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home** - February 07, 2016 at 10:02 AM

NG

*Your mom was a very special lady! We are deeply sorry but pray wonderful memories will live in your hearts! Mark & Nancy Gibson*

**nancy gibson** - February 07, 2016 at 02:11 PM

PM

*I THINK THIS VIDEO IS GREAT. THE PICTURES OF MRS. TIPPS ARE WONDERFUL. THANK YOU FOR SHARING THIS ON FACEBOOK.*

**Phyllis Kinney McLain** - February 07, 2016 at 07:42 PM

PK

*I knew Mrs. Tipps for a very long time. I also helped her out at the Good Samaritan a few times and we would talk a lot about my mother Ivonne Kinney. Mrs. Tipps was a beautiful and special lady. My prayers go out to her family, they not only lost a wonderful mother but also their very best friend. MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU. Phyllis Kinney McLain*

**Phyllis Kinney** - February 07, 2016 at 07:52 PM

CM

“ *Sorry for your loss. Holding you all gently in my heart and in my prayers.* ”



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**Claudia Morgan-Gray** - February 08, 2016 at 02:39 PM

SH

“ *Woodie, it was a beautiful service today. Your mom lived such a full life. You, Debbie, and the girls will continue to be in our prayers.* ”

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**Skipper & Terry Honeycutt** - February 08, 2016 at 02:05 PM

SW

“ *Suzanne Moye Williamson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Tipps* ”



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**Suzanne Moye Williamson** - February 08, 2016 at 08:40 AM

KC

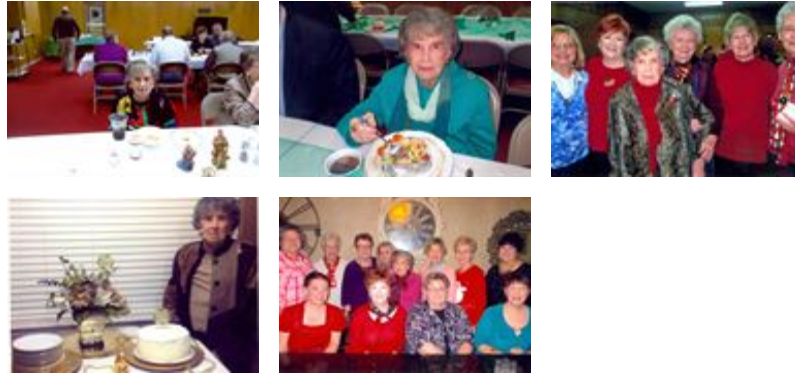
“ *Woodie: My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Kim Cobb* ”

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**Kim Cobb** - February 08, 2016 at 08:29 AM



“ 53 files added to the album Life Tributes



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - February 07, 2016 at 09:40 AM

Mary Dike

“ Mary Dike lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Tipps



Mary Dike - February 06, 2016 at 11:12 PM

Mary Dike

“ I was the secretary of 1st United Methodist Church for almost 7 years and Mrs. Tipps would come in almost daily and visit with me. She would come in and help fold the newsletters each month. With each of her visits as she would leave she would always tell me to take a vitamin C! I loved her dearly and she was so kind hearted and a wonderful servant of God. She will be missed.

Love,  
Mary Leigh Dike

Mary Dike - February 06, 2016 at 11:10 PM

LS

“ Mrs. Tipps came to Autumn Leaves after a fall, we hit if off right away ... it was a honor to help her and love and talk to her while she was there she will be missed .. Linda Schuck

Linda Schuck - February 06, 2016 at 06:22 PM

JF

“ I'm sure the world is a little less gentle without Mrs. Tipps' presence. Our sympathy to Woodie, Debbie and the girls. Pat and Jean Ferraro

Jean Ferraro - February 06, 2016 at 03:11 PM

JM

“ I wanted to share a memory I have of your Mother. I worked at the drug store in Overton starting in 2002 for a few years and I remember your Mother with kindness. She was always very pleasant to me, and when she found out I was from Houston & had a daughter living in Sugar Land, we decided to plan a trip together to visit our children. I am sorry to say our trip never came to fruition for one reason or another. But we had fun talking about it. I will always remember her with great fondness.



Joyce McDougald - February 06, 2016 at 02:09 PM

DK

“ David And Peggy Keeling lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Tipps



David and Peggy Keeling - February 06, 2016 at 01:41 PM

DB

*Woodie sorrow for your loss. Your mother was beautiful inside and out . Prayers from the Sheffield family .*

**Diane Sheffield Beaver** - February 06, 2016 at 06:44 PM

 Matthew Fleming

*Woodie, Prayers for peace and strength for you and your family. Your Mom was so gracious and kind.*

**Matthew Fleming** - February 07, 2016 at 02:03 PM

DH

“ *Woodie and family, you have my deepest sympathies. Danette Heffner*

**Danette Heffner** - February 05, 2016 at 08:10 PM

GA

“ *Gale And Terry Austin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Tipps*



**Gale and Terry Austin** - February 05, 2016 at 03:57 PM