



Mrs. Ruby Pearl Prior Hand

August 29, 1930 - June 7, 2026

Graveside services for Mrs. Ruby Pearl Prior Hand, 95, of Gladewater, formerly of Henderson will be held at 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at Strong cemetery with Bro. Joe Best officiating.

Visitation will be held at 11:00 a.m. until service time on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at Strong Cemetery.

Mrs. Hand passed away June 7, 2026, at her residence. She was born August 29, 1930, in Rusk County to Lucious Turner and Jennie Lynn (Mills) Prior. Mrs. Hand was the former co-owner of grocery stores in New Diana and Elderville. Mrs. Hand was a member of the Baptist Church.

Mrs. Hand was preceded in death by her husband, Wallace Hand; parents, Lucious and Jennie Prior; son, Dale Hand; grandson, Cody Hand; sisters, Margie Tennison, and Mildred Jones.

Survivors include her son, Michael Hand and wife Debbie of Gladewater; daughter-in-law, Sylvia Ruddell Hand of Gladewater; grandchildren, Jennifer Elizabeth Hand, Jeff Hand, Jon Hand and wife Jennifer Dawn; special friend, Steve Young; and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

Honorary pallbearers will be her grandchildren, Jennifer Hand, Jeff Hand, Jon Hand, and special friend, Steve Young.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial donations be made to the Strong Cemetery Association c/o Jackie Sanders, P.O. Box 2347, Henderson, Texas 75653.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

Strong Cemetery

Cr 333
Henderson, TX 75652

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 10. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

JUN 10. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *She was the heart of this family — a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and matriarch whose greatest joy was keeping her loved ones together. Holidays, birthdays, and family gatherings were important to her because family was the center of her world. She worked tirelessly to make those moments special, often preparing entire holiday meals herself and making sure everyone felt welcomed and loved.*

She had a giving heart and was always willing to help those she loved. Her grandchildren were a special joy in her life, and she was always there with a helping hand, a listening ear, and words of encouragement. She loved caring for them, spending time with them, and making sure they always felt supported and cherished. Through her love, guidance, and constant presence, she created bonds with her grandchildren that will be treasured for generations.

She was a talented artist who spent many years enjoying and sharing her creativity through the Eastman Ceramics Club. She was rarely idle, always finding something to create, collect, cook, or improve. She loved searching for treasures and bargains at flea markets, and she took great joy in collecting treadle sewing machines and dolls.

She raised two beloved sons, stood faithfully beside her husband as a devoted wife, and remained a constant source of strength and support for her family throughout her life. If someone needed help, she was there. If someone needed encouragement, she provided it. If someone needed protecting, she stepped forward without question.

She could be feisty and strong-willed, but every bit of that strength came from a place of deep love. She fiercely protected the people she cared about and dedicated her life to making sure her family knew they were loved, supported, and never alone.

Her legacy is not only found in the family she leaves behind, but in

the countless acts of love, sacrifice, and devotion that shaped generations. The family she worked so hard to keep together is her greatest masterpiece, and her love will continue to hold them together for years to come.



Jennifer Hand - June 10 at 10:11 PM

VI

“ *For school lunch, made us grilled cheese sandwiches with potato salad at Haden-Brown Drug Store. I still love that combination! Always ready on time when we arrived. We charged and our parents paid monthly.*

Virginia Irwin - June 09 at 09:46 AM

AL

“ *Annette Lochridge lit a candle in memory of Ruby Prior Hand*



Annette Lochridge - June 08 at 06:20 PM

ED

“ *Elaine Davis lit a candle in memory of Ruby Prior Hand*



Elaine Davis - June 08 at 04:58 PM