



## Mrs. Sandra Hodges

November 5, 1939 - December 22, 2014

A celebration of life service for Sandra Gay Pugh Hodges will be held at 10:00 am, December 24, 2014 at First United Methodist Church with David Luckert officiating. Special music will be provided by Bryan and Amy Blanton. Burial will follow at New Salem Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, December 23, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Crawford-A. Crim funeral home.

Sandra was born in Houston, Texas on November 5, 1939 to William and Gay Pugh. She graduated from Spring Branch High School and continued her education at Kilgore College. While at Kilgore College, she was a Rangerette, a member of Chi Sigma Delta Sorority, and a Ranger Beauty.

Sandra went to be with her Lord and Savior on December 22, 2014 at home with her loving family. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Carolyn Pettit. She leaves to cherish her precious memory: her husband of 55 years, Buddy Hodges; her daughters Monica Griffin and husband Jeff, and Angie Martin and husband Todd; grandchildren Shelby White and husband Ryan, Cy Moore, Hunter Martin, Nolan Griffin, and Rade Griffin; great grandson Jaxon Martin; and sister Debbie Lain and husband Charles. She is also survived by her brother in law, Jack Hodges and wife Jean, sister in law, Sis Costlow and husband Pete, her brother in law, CJ Pettit; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Sandra will be remembered most for the 24 years she served the citizens of Rusk County as County Judge. During her years as Judge, she received many awards, recognitions, and honors. One of her greatest honors was

having November 5th, her birthday, declared as Sandra Hodges Day in Rusk County. She truly had a loving heart for family, friends, and the citizens of Rusk County.

In the spirit of Christmas and in honor of Judge Hodges loving and giving heart, the family requests, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Salvation Army, Children's Advocacy Center, Rusk County Child Welfare Board, Kiwanis Little One Literacy Program, First United Methodist Church, or the organization of your choice.

Serving as pallbearers will be: County Judge Joel Hale, Commissioner Bill Hale, Commissioner Mike Pepper, Commissioner Freddy Swan, Commissioner Harold Howell, and long-time family friend, Darryl Norris.

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

# Cemetery Details

## New Salem Cemetery

CR 4258 D  
New Salem, TX 75652

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **23**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

DEC **24**. 10:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
204 N. Marshall  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Tribute Wall



“ Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Sandra Hodges



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - December 23, 2014 at 02:00 PM

JL

*I know no one knows me as well Mrs Hodge changed my life years ago as a judge. She was truly a Heaven sent Angel. I surly hope she my Guardian Angel Now for I know with her watching over me everything will get better as well be ok. Love you Mrs Hodge Mr Jessie Lee Lewis III Rest In The Lord arms now I cried just learning of your Home Going...*

Jessie Lee Lewis III - August 14, 2020 at 08:45 AM

GF

“ Sandra and I were cheerleaders together at Hamilton Jr. High in 1954. We used to share clothes. She was my best friend, Then she moved to Spring Branch and we lost touch. This photo looks like she looked when she was 14.

Glenda Swanner Foust - April 25, 2021 at 03:26 PM

LR

“ Remembering Sandra for the life she lived and her service to Rusk County.



Linda Romer - February 16, 2015 at 11:29 PM

JF

“ Jackie D. Floyd lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Hodges



Jackie D. Floyd - December 29, 2014 at 08:56 AM

SS

“ Stephen And Rhonda Stanfield lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Hodges



Stephen and Rhonda Stanfield - December 28, 2014 at 01:59 PM

PB

“ Patti (Dennis) Bishop lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Hodges



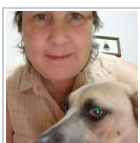
Patti (Dennis) Bishop - December 28, 2014 at 12:00 PM

AO

“ Allen And Gloria Owens sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Sandra Hodges



Allen and Gloria Owens - December 26, 2014 at 11:19 PM



“ Buddy and family, we are so very sorry to hear about Sandra's absence from yall on this earth. Wish we had known early so we could have come see her before she left...or could have come to the services. We are praying for yall. With love, Mike...Virginia...Michelle...Theresa Walker.

Theresa Walker - December 24, 2014 at 10:59 PM

MP

“ Margie Pennington lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Hodges



Margie Pennington - December 24, 2014 at 12:57 PM

RV

“ I am saddened at your loss. I dearly admired and respected Sandra. She was instrumental in seeing that Rusk County Friends Helping Friends Prescription Assistance Program began. I treasured her friendship and leadership. I pray for your family at this time.

Roberta Vallantyne - December 23, 2014 at 10:19 PM

DK

“ *David And Peggy Keeling lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Hodges*



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**David and Peggy Keeling** - December 23, 2014 at 10:12 PM

CM

“ *Claudia Morgan-Gray lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Hodges*



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**Claudia Morgan-Gray** - December 23, 2014 at 09:43 PM

JF

“ *Joe Fox lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Hodges*



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**Joe Fox** - December 23, 2014 at 07:34 PM

PM

“ *Our condolences. You and your family are in our prayers. David & Paula Mansinger*

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**Paula Mansinger** - December 23, 2014 at 04:09 PM

AM

“ Amy Griffin Moore sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Sandra Hodges



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**Amy Griffin Moore** - December 23, 2014 at 01:27 PM

JL

“ I thank God for Sandra Hodges being in my life. She married my husband and I at the Rusk County Courthouse. She approved the contract for me to work at Rusk County Library.  
Jennis Lewis



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**Jennis Lewis** - December 23, 2014 at 12:02 PM

DS

“ Dean And Linda J. Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Hodges



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**Dean and Linda J. Smith** - December 23, 2014 at 10:52 AM

DD

“ Debra And Holly Dorsey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Hodges



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**Debra and Holly Dorsey** - December 23, 2014 at 10:45 AM

DD

*So sorry for your loss. Praying for the family.*

**Debra and Holly Dorsey** - December 23, 2014 at 10:45 AM

GH

*Sorry for your loss. Sandra will be missed so much. She was a very special lady glad I got to know her. Praying for the family Glenda H*

**Glenda Humphries** - December 23, 2014 at 02:31 PM

MM

“ *Just want to let you know our prayers are with all of the family and friends of Sandra. She will be missed.*

**Mike and Norma Medford** - December 23, 2014 at 09:32 AM

KP

“ *Gaga was a sweet caring lady. She had a huge heart that always wanted to help others in need. I remember yall spending hours getting bikes and toys together at Christmas to make sure people had their presents on time. She will be missed.*

**Kim Powell** - December 23, 2014 at 09:29 AM

AN

“ Extending deepest sympathy for you in our loss,  
and hoping too, that comfort and peace may come to you.  
Your in our Prayers,

*Rusk County Courthouse Security,*

*Sgt. JB Hill  
Deputy L. Graham  
Deputy B. Lehman  
Deputy B. Thompson  
Deputy S. Lee  
Deputy K. Miley*

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**angela** - December 23, 2014 at 08:39 AM

KT

“ Sandra was a wonderful person always helping others! When I was a Life Skills Teacher with Texas Workforce Commission she would come and visit with my Welfare clients. She would give words of encouragement and support. She was never too busy to come. She became a dear friend. My prayers are with you all. K. Trammell

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**Kay Trammell** - December 23, 2014 at 07:46 AM

SR

“ Stan & Connie Rodgers lit a candle in  
memory of Mrs. Sandra Hodges



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**Stan & Connie Rodgers** - December 23, 2014 at 05:12 AM

MP

“ *Mr. And Mrs. Doug Pannell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Hodges*



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**Mr. and Mrs. Doug Pannell** - December 22, 2014 at 10:27 PM

AM

“ *Amy Miley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Hodges*



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**Amy Miley** - December 22, 2014 at 10:20 PM

JB

“ *our prayers go out to buddy and his family ...sandra was a wonderful person to know and henderson has lost one of the best...but the memory of what she has done for henderson will be there for years...thank you buddy for sharing your beautiful wife with all of us all of these years... may God bless you and your family at this time. josette and dean bradbury*

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**josette and dean bradbury** - December 22, 2014 at 10:02 PM

JC

“ Buddy andFamily, I just want to thank you for all you do for our class. I will always remember those class meetings at your home back about 1985 or so and how Sandra was so gracious and welcoming to all of us. You all certainly kept things together for us. And I wish we could gather once in a while for dinner. We ate at the old Jay's Cafe out on the Circle a few times. Lots of great memories. Let us renew that tradition. Buddy, please let me know anything I can do to help in any way. I will see you tomorrow and Wednesday. May God bless you and your family as we pray for you.

*Johnny Carnett*

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**Johnny Carnett** - December 22, 2014 at 07:44 PM

AF

“ Aubry & Sharon Favors lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Hodges



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**Aubry & Sharon Favors** - December 22, 2014 at 07:13 PM

BB

“ Bill And Carolyn Boren lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Hodges



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**Bill and Carolyn Boren** - December 22, 2014 at 06:18 PM

GE

“ Gloria Edwards lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Hodges



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**Gloria Edwards** - December 22, 2014 at 04:59 PM

GE

Buddy, Angie and Monica, so sorry to hear of your loss. Sandra was a special person to us all. She will be greatly missed. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Gloria Edwards** - December 22, 2014 at 05:03 PM

BG

“ Prayers for the family for peace and comfort. What a lady and what a legacy, Judge Sandra will be missed.  
John & Bonnie Geddie

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**Bonnie Geddie** - December 22, 2014 at 04:12 PM

AK

“ Angie King lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Hodges



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**Angie King** - December 22, 2014 at 04:03 PM

DD

“ *Dixie Duncan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Hodges*



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**Dixie Duncan** - December 22, 2014 at 03:45 PM



“ *Monica and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Love Pam and George Rose*

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**Pamela Rose** - December 22, 2014 at 02:59 PM

HW

“ *Sandra ("The Judge") was always an honorary member of the HHS Class of '58 and participated with Buddy in all of our reunions and get togethers. We especially missed her and Buddy at the "Syrup Festival" this past month. Henderson was fortunate that she took to everyone and made such a major contribution to public works and county government in Rusk County. She was small in stature but stood large in achievement. We will sorely miss you Sandra. We wish you a beautiful journey. To Sandra's family, we give you our condolences and thanks for sharing her with us all these years.*

*Regards  
Hal Watson  
HHS Class of '58*

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**Hal and Jackie Watson** - December 22, 2014 at 02:50 PM

KC

“ A very caring person to all! She will be sorely missed!

*W.T. and Kay Castleberry*



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**Kay Castleberry** - December 22, 2014 at 02:45 PM

BM

“ Sandra Hodges was one of the most compassionate judges Henderson will ever have. She was consistent and never compromised her integrity at any time. I know this by the way she treated my Dad when he had a question or an issue about the county. She always would have an answer or get back with him with one. She was not obligated in any way to do this but she did. When my Dad passed away in 1992 she helped our family by explaining the process involved legally from there on what to do. She will be missed and my thoughts are with the family at this sad time.

*Billy F. Martin  
Longview,tex.*

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**Billy Martin** - December 22, 2014 at 02:44 PM

EB

“ Elizabeth Brown Bow lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Hodges



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**Elizabeth Brown Bow** - December 22, 2014 at 02:12 PM

JD

“ *Monica, Angie and family,  
What a sweet and precious Mom you were  
blessed with. We are so sorry for your loss.  
Cherish her memories and keep them close  
to your hearts.  
With our love,  
The Jerry Don Dorman Family,  
Jerry, Pat, Jeremy, Lance and Lara Kate  
Proverbs 17:17*



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**Jerry Dorman** - December 22, 2014 at 01:03 PM

MP

“ *Sandra was one of the chosen few who added value to every  
occasion. She and her husband, Buddy, were a pair that made any  
encounter joyful and meaningful.*

*Michael Phelan*

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**Michael Phelan** - December 22, 2014 at 12:10 PM

SH

“ *We are so sorry for your loss of Sandra. She has been such an  
lasting part of Rusk County and Henderson for so many years. Such  
a loss for your family and the entire community. Thinking of you all.  
Steve and Ceil Higginbotham.*

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**Steve Higginbotham** - December 22, 2014 at 12:03 PM

RC

“ Rhonda Courson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Hodges



Rhonda Courson - December 22, 2014 at 10:57 AM

TA

“ Terry And Gale Austin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Hodges



Terry and Gale Austin - December 22, 2014 at 09:55 AM

BH

“ Bob & Sue Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Hodges



Bob & Sue Henderson - December 22, 2014 at 09:53 AM

DD

“ Sandra was always fun to be around with her laughter, sense of humor, and willingness to show her friendship to others. She was always ready to help others and I always admired her and Buddy's relationship and the love towards her two wonderful daughters. As a County Judge, her interest was in what she could get done for the people of Rusk County, not the politics of the position. All will miss the awesome person, Sandra Hodges.

Dr. Ray Deason - December 22, 2014 at 09:33 AM

JC

“ *A Giant amongst Humans. Rusk County is what it is because of Judge Hodges. Our family wishes Peace and Prayers for Buddy and the Hodges family.*

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**John Cloutier** - December 22, 2014 at 09:04 AM

LS

*Bob and Lavonne Schauwecker wish Buddy and family peace and love and you are in our prayers.*

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**Lavonne Schauwecker** - December 22, 2014 at 08:53 PM

TV

*Judge Hodges was a great lady and Rusk County was a better place for having been one of its Judges. May you RIP Judge.*

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**Tom Vaught** - December 23, 2014 at 02:42 PM

BF

*To the Family of Sandra Pugh Hodges,*

*Please accept my deepest condolences on her passing.*

*I knew Sandra, not as a caring and efficient officer of the court of Rusk County, or as a devoted wife and mother, or as a dutiful daughter to her loving parents, but as a fellow member of the 1958 line of the Kilgore Rangerettes.*

*I remember Sandra quite well, and knew her to be a sweet young woman who unfailingly found the time to lend an ear to any of her Rangerette sisters who needed a shoulder on which to cry. Clearly, Sandra never lost that compassion which so endeared her to others.*

*Sandra's loss affects not only her immediate and Rusk County Court families, but her Rangerette sisters, as well. A huge hole now exists in the place that she occupied for so many decades.*

*That one's shoes cannot be filled is as good a legacy as a person can leave. Would that we all could be held in such esteem.*

*Her like will not pass this way again. She will be missed.*

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**Betty Arnold Henderson, Bradenton, FL** - December 27, 2014 at 06:18 AM