



Mrs. Wanda Hudman Houston

July 7, 1932 - January 21, 2014

Wanda Louise Hudman Houston, 81, departed this life for her eternal home Tuesday afternoon, January 21, 2014 in Trinity Mother Frances Hospital Critical Care Unit, Tyler, TX.

Wanda was born July 7, 1932 in the Brachfield Community, Rusk County Texas to Lee Roy and Louise Mansinger Hudman. She attended the Patrick Elementary School and Henderson High School. She graduated from Panola College, Carthage, TX and SFA University, Nacogdoches, TX and became a teacher in the Longview TX public school system. There she met her future husband, Otis Jackson Houston of Owensville, GA. They were married March 30, 1955. A work transfer moved them to Haynesville, LA where Wanda continued her teaching career in the Haynesville Public Schools and then taught at Claiborne Academy, Haynesville, LA until retirement. Following retirement, the Houstons moved back to the Brachfield Community. They are the parents of two sons, James Duff Houston (deceased) and Jesse Colin Houston of Carthage, TX.

Mrs. Houston is preceded in death by her parents, Lee Roy Hudman and Louise Mansinger Hudman, and one son, James Duff Houston.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Jack Houston, Brachfield Community; son, Colin Houston and fiancée, Melissa Anderson and her

children, Cassidy and Chandler of Carthage, TX; one grandson, James Duffy Houston, Bernice, LA; and many cousins, friends, and former students whom she loved dearly.

Services for Mrs. Houston will be under the direction of Crawford-A Crim Funeral Home, Henderson, TX. Visitation will be at the funeral home Friday, January 24, from 5 to 7 P.M.

Funeral service will be Saturday, January 25, at 11 A.M. at the Pleasant Springs Presbyterian Church, Hwy 1798 East of Brachfield, under the direction of Rev. Toby Tipps and Jonathon Kovar.

Pallbearers will be Charlie Spears, Nacogdoches, TX; Scott Dickerson, Longview, TX; Duffy Houston, Bernice, LA; Johnny Krueger, Pine Hill, TX; David Mansinger, Henderson, TX and Ben Hays, Brachfield Community, TX.

Interment will follow at Shiloh Cemetery, Hwy 315 (2 mi. south of the intersection of Hwy. 840 and Hwy. 315).

There will be a reception for family and friends at the Pleasant Springs Presbyterian Church following the gravesite service.

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

Cemetery Details

Shiloh Cemetery

Hwy 315
Mt. Enterprise, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **24**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

JAN **25**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Pleasant Springs Presbyterian Church

Tribute Wall

HJ

“ I'm so sad to learn Mrs Wanda passed. She and Uncle Jack were like second grandparents to us while growing up in Haynesville, and she is still one of the kindest people I've ever known. We knew her as 'Nannie' and our families spent Christmases and Thanksgivings together as well as summers at their farm in Henderson. We all lost touch over time but I've thought of them often and have looked for them for a long time. I know they are both in a wonderful place and able to share their love with many more people now, and they are back with James and my dad as well. I know they will take care of him. I love you both and know I will see you again - Heather



Heather Jenkins - May 08, 2015 at 01:17 AM

CM

“ After changing schools in the second grade, I was welcomed at Claiborne Academy with open arms by Mrs. Houston. No teacher had a greater or more loving influence in my life. Whether learning in the classroom or greeting each of us for a new day, her energy was contagious.

God's Blessings to your family.

Cindy Brinker-McNeely

Cindy Brinker McNeely - January 28, 2014 at 08:42 PM

CT

“ Jack,
I just learned of Wanda's passing tonight. Had we known, we would have certainly been to see you at the funeral home. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. We will all thought very much of Wanda. She was indeed a great lady who was well thought of by her students, family and friends. She will be missed, but never forgotten.

God Bless,

Cliff and Denise Todd

Cliff Todd - January 26, 2014 at 07:42 PM

DP

“ Jack, *So sorry to hear about the passing of Mrs. Houston. If ever was a teacher that taught for the true love of children it was Wanda Houston. She brought learning and fun to the class room every day. I will never forget her smile. She gave me my first drum for some occasion that I cherished for many childhood years. I am sure she will be welcomed into heaven with open arms. She touched many kids lives at Haynesville that have I am sure as many memories as I do. Jack, thanks for sharing this beautiful lady, Mom, and mentor with us. Take care of yourself and stay strong during this time of grief. She would want it to be a celebration of life.*

David Pemberton and The Pemberton Family

David Pemberton - January 26, 2014 at 06:15 PM

DP

“ Farewell to a special teacher with a heart of gold. If ever a lady taught for the love of children this would be Mrs. Houston. Such a special lady that touched uncountable lives. Mrs. Houston, you may be gone from this earth but you will never be forgotten. I know you will be welcomed into heaven with open arms. The Pemberton Family and many more students from Haynesville say thanks for being Mrs. Houston and touching our lives in such a positive way. You raised the bar on what a teacher should be and will always be remembered for it. Rest in peace. Mr. Jack, thanks for sharing this special lady with us.

The Pemberton Family- Haynesville, La.

David Pemberton - January 26, 2014 at 06:02 AM

WM

“ What a precious lifelong friend! Too many memories to even begin: teaching together, raising sons, CA, singing, friends and confidants. She called me "Little Wanda". Truly have missed her since their move to Texas. Mr. Jack and Collin, my thoughts, prayers, and love are with you!

Wanda Reeder Merritt - Haynesville, LA

Wanda Merritt - January 23, 2014 at 12:05 PM

AB

“ Many thoughts and prayers for the Houston family. Mrs. Houston was a very loving and giving woman who adored and loved her family beyond measure. Her laughter was infectious and she never met a stranger. I have many fond memories that I will cherish a lifetime. I'm so sorry for your loss. April Hansen Babcock and family



April Babcock - January 23, 2014 at 10:14 AM

AB

“ *April Babcock lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Wanda Hudman Houston*



April Babcock - January 23, 2014 at 10:10 AM

HT

“ *Wanda and Jack were our neighbors for several years. She was Marti's first grade teacher. They stayed in touch for many years after they moved to Texas. She will never forget "Mrs. Houston", her favorite teacher. May God be with the family during this time. She will be long remembered by her friends and especially her students. RIP Wanda.*



Herbert and Gayle Taylor - January 23, 2014 at 09:21 AM

CB

“ *Carolyn Boren lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Wanda Hudman Houston*



Carolyn Boren - January 22, 2014 at 09:48 PM

SG

“ *God has called another angel home. Thank you for loving Haynesville and our children! Until we meet again! Kelly and Suzanne Goodwin*

suzanne Goodwin - January 22, 2014 at 08:58 PM

ER

“ *Mrs. Houston was my first grade teacher and was the kindest, most gentle person I have ever met. She loved us all, and there are MANY who will miss her guidance. God blessed us all by bringing her into our lives. Eva Marie Pepper Raburn*

Eva Marie Pepper Raburn - January 22, 2014 at 05:09 PM