



## Frances Earlene Dungan

October 21, 1925 - December 23, 2020

Proverbs 31:10 King James · Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

Earlene Dungan, left us December 23, 2020. She was 95 years old. Her life cut short by Covid-19.

Earlene was born in Lampasas, Texas October 21, 1925. She was the oldest of Earl and Lydia Smith's four children. Before she started to school her parents moved to San Jon, New Mexico where she and her sister Nelda grew up. As a child she enjoyed reading books and sewing. She graduated Valedictorian from San Jon High School in the Spring of 1942. She was 16 years old.

She met Jim Dungan that same Spring and they were married in the San Jon Methodist Church on July 3, 1942. Their marriage together would last until Jim's death in 2008, 66 years later. While Jim was serving in the South Pacific during World War 2, she worked as a waitress. After he returned home from the War they moved between Colorado and Texas before settling in Dallas, Texas in 1954

During her marriage she had 4 children, Barbara, Gary, and premature twins Deborah (Debbie) and David. David passed away shortly after birth due to complications.

Earlene worked at the telephone company in Colorado and Texas before becoming full time housewife during the early years of her marriage, she loved to sew. She made most of the clothes she and her family wore. She made doll clothes for Barbara and Debbie and she loved to embroidery. When Barbara was married Earlene made the wedding dress and the bridesmaid dresses.

In 1965 Earlene began working outside the home again. She took a job at Sears in catalog sales, later she was a Buyer's Assistant and sales analyst.

Jim suffered an aneurysm in 1971 leaving him with aphasia and unable to easily communicate or work. Earlene continued to work for Sears. She and Jim became active in Eastfield Missionary Baptist Church in Mesquite, TX. Earlene became a grandmother to Bryan, Scott, Dawn, Jocelyn, and Rachel. Earlene loved being a grandmother and she loved each of her grandchildren.

Earlene retired from Sears in 1990. Jim suffered a debilitating stroke in 2000 and became a resident of Christian Care Center in Mesquite, Earlene visited Jim everyday for 8 years rain or shine.

Earlene moved to Christian Care Assisted Living in 2008 and later became a long term care resident after suffering small strokes and vision loss. Earlene may have lost her vision, her ability to sew and read books but thanks to Texas Talking books she was able to listen to her Bible and her favorite books until her last day.

Earlene was preceded in death by her husband Jim, son David, her brother Robert Smith, her sister and brother in law Nelda and Bob McGinnes and Debbie's husband Dennis Hinkle. She is survived by her brother and wife Ronnie and Dianne Smith, their son Pat and his wife Stephanie Smith. She is survived by her daughter and her husband Barbara and Sammy Hargrove, her son and his wife Gary and Dottie Dungan, her youngest daughter Debbie Hinkle. She is also survived by her granddaughter Dawn Hinkle. Grandson Bryan and his wife DD Hargrove, their children Hayden and Allyson. Grandson Scott and his wife Jessica Hargrove and daughter Evan. Granddaughter Jocelyn and husband Ryan O'Malley and their children Kaden and Scottlyn. Granddaughter Rachel and husband Chris Jenkins and their children Samantha and husband Corbin Oates. Grandson Zack and Michaela Jenkins and their sons Ezio and Kai. Nephew Eddie and his wife Judy Baker. Eddie would visit Earlene every week at Christian Care until circumstances no longer permitted. The staff often mistook Eddie as her son. Earlene is also survived by many more nieces and nephews.

An informal service followed by a graveside prayer (weather permitting) will be held at Restland in Dallas, December 31, 2020 1:00pm. Mask and social distancing will be observed.

<http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/43930>

# Cemetery

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## Restland Cemetery

13005 Greenville Avenue  
Dallas, TX, 75243

# Events

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**DEC 31** Visitation 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Restland Funeral Home  
13005 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX, US, 75243

**DEC 31** Burial 02:00PM - 02:30PM

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Restland Memorial Park  
13005 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX, US, 75243

# Comments

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**Restland Funeral Home and Cemetery** - December 29, 2020 at 12:07 PM

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“ Thank you Sammy and Barbara, for letting me participate virtually at the funeral service of Earlene. Memories return of my short time together with her sometime between 2006 and 2008 when I drove her home from Christian Care Center. I was able to return to the DART bus station from my day job, get into my car, pick her up at 4:30 p.m, and drive her home on my way to my part time job. Earlene loved talking to me about all of her family members.

Now that you mentioned it at the funeral service, Sammy, Earlene told me how to make the confection, "divinity." She was the expert. I myself tried to make it for my newly wed second husband, Ernest, but failed miserably with white goop spread all over my cookie sheet! Earlene even sewed better than I did, and I had 4 years of college in Fashion Design!

I will never forget the kindness that Earlene, you Sammy, and you Barbara have extended to me over the years. The very day I had my entire family visiting First Methodist Mesquite church to prepare for my first husband John's funeral, you were there right beside me. It was Sammy's first week as pastor there. His first words to us were, "Let us Pray." Sammy and Barbara saw me all the way through my grieving. You guided me to do the right thing, Sammy officiated at my second marriage. You and Barbara cared for me as though I was a member of your own family. I was happy to know your loved ones through Earlene's loving eyes. I pray you will all live the joyful life that she did.

**Barbara Murray** - December 31, 2020 at 03:18 PM