



## Neva Joyce Young

January 1, 1933 - January 4, 2021

Neva Joyce Litke Young arrived in her heavenly home on January 4, 2021. A New Year's baby, Neva was born on January 1, 1933 in Fairview, Oklahoma. She grew up on a farm in Mead, Oklahoma with her parents, John and Blanche Litke, and eight brothers and sisters. At Mead High School she was dubbed the "Southpaw Scoring Ace" for her awesome left-handed basketball skills. She was happily married to her high school sweetheart, Harold Gene Young, for 32 years before he preceded her in death in 1985.

Neva spent 25 years of her career at Southern Methodist University Basketball Department as staff secretary where she touched the lives of many coaches and student athletes. When the athletes could not return home for the Thanksgiving holidays because of basketball practices, Neva opened her home to them and treated them to a famous "Nana meal". She was a servant to all and cooking was her love language. You were indeed fortunate if you were lucky enough to partake in a meal prepared by Nana.

Neva loved her Savior Jesus Christ and her church family at Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church in Dallas. Her church friends were near and dear to her heart and she enjoyed playing a mean game of Hand and Foot or Canasta with many of those dear friends.

Neva loved her family fiercely and will be forever treasured by her children, Kim Young Johnson and husband, Steve, and Greg Young and wife, Valerie. She was a wonderful Nana to her grandchildren Matthew Johnson and wife, Rachel; Michael Johnson; Lauren Johnson Frazer and husband, Braden; Halei Young, and great-grandchild Leah Johnson.

Neva wanted to be remembered for her good heart and she certainly accomplished that. "Well done good and faithful servant."

A family graveside memorial service will be held on Sunday, February 28th, 2021 at 3pm at Restland Memorial Park.

# Events

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**FEB**   **Family Graveside Service**   **03:00PM**  
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Restland Memorial Park

13005 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX, US, 75243

# Comments

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“ Neva was a great neighbor and always there for questions after my mom passed. She was missed dearly when she moved. Her daughter and son were her angels. Will be missed and loved forever.

**Karen Baker** - February 04 at 10:29 AM

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“ I played basketball at SMU from 1977 - 1981 and got to know Neva and her family during that time. I remember so well her Thanksgiving dinners for the players who could not get home because of practice and games. God puts angels in our lives and sometimes we miss it, but with Neva you knew she was an angel walking amongst us. Over the years from when I played to when she retired from SMU we had many conversations and my life is better for having known her. She was a blessing and an inspiration to all of us that played basketball at SMU while she was there. My condolences to Kim, Greg and their families.

**Gordon Welch** - January 23 at 02:11 PM

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“ Neva you are missed but we were so glad we got to see you Christmas Eve. Kim & Greg you were the best during these last couple years. We remember all the laughs & good times we had with this dear sweet friend who was a big part of our family. Her cooking topped it all...thanks Neva for all you did for us. . Greg, God answered our prayers when he gave us you. Bob & I love you all and are praying for you during this sad time.

**Betty Braddock** - January 20 at 06:27 PM

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“ I will always love Neva Young as a second mother. My days at SMU, separated from. My family in another country, were softened by the generous love and hospitality of the Young family. Neva made the best Sunday lunches after church. Roast, rice & gravy, fried zucchini were some of my favorites. Her laugh was contagious. Kim, Neva, and I would spend hours painting on beautiful ceramic nativities. I still have mine to this day. Neva Young was one of the best examples I know of living and loving like Jesus Christ. My life was forever shaped by her example of godliness.

**Allisen Roberts** - January 19 at 06:34 PM