



Mrs. Esther Faye Hodde

January 22, 1936 - November 7, 2012

Esther Faye Hodde, 76, of Houston, passed away Wednesday, November 7, 2012 to be received into the loving arms of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Faye was born January 22, 1936 in Eagle Lake, Texas to Frank and Georgia Schindler. Her parents preceded her in death along with her sister Joyce Streibeck and brother George Schindler. Faye is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 56 years Jim Hodde; her children, Sharron & Bill Dunn, Chris & Jeanie Hodde, Mike & Bonita Hodde and Lisa & Ken Clothier; her grandchildren, John Dunn, Max Hodde, Josh Dunn, Lucas Hodde, Travis Hodde, Anna Dunn, Harry Clothier, Olivia Clothier and Emerson Hodde, along with a multitude of extended family and friends.

Faye spent her early years on the family farm in the Bernardo prairie area east of Columbus, Texas. Fiercely independent and curious, she created her own fun and reveled in the menagerie of farm animals, wild life and her natural surroundings.

Her primary education and pursuit of excellence began in the one room Willow school house and culminated as the salutatorian of her high school class at Columbus high school in 1953. She attended the University of Texas and later completed her higher education at the University of Houston in 1985. She earned a Bachelor's degree in English with Summa Cum Laude honors and became the first person in her family line to achieve a college education.

Faye began her 30+ year legal career in high school clerking for the Colorado County judge in Columbus, Texas and rose to Sr. Management roles in Legal Administration for three major Houston law firms. Later she joined her husband, Jim Hodde, to aid him in the building and growth of Power Associates International. The contributions of her skill and support were significant in the success that the company enjoys today.

Despite all of her academic and career achievements, Faye was most proud of her family life. In union with her husband Jim Hodde, they built a life together filled with love and unflinching commitment to one another. The house was quickly filled with their children Sharron, Chris, Mike and Lisa where each was raised with an abundance of love, strong values, laughter and joy they share to this day. Faye was always impatient for grandchildren. Her wait was eventually rewarded with nine grandchildren.

With a heart that was universally accepting and big enough for everyone, she was a

natural born counselor. Friend and stranger alike were drawn to her for comfort and advice. She loved art, literature, and digging in the flower beds. She had the greenest of thumbs and seemingly could grow anything from thin air. Her cooking was other worldly from simple fare to an elaborate feast. Faye loved the Lord with all her heart and soul. She was a devoted Catholic where she sought her entire life to know and live in the fullness of Christ. For those she leaves behind her loss is incalculable but they take comfort in the redeeming sacrifice of the cross and the life ever after until are reunited.

The Hodde family will be present to receive friends Sunday, November 11, 2012 from 3:00 PM until 5:00 PM with a Rosary and Eulogy Service beginning at 4:00 PM at Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Drive, Houston, Texas 77079. The Funeral Mass will commence Monday, November 12, 2012 at 10:30 AM at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 625 Nottingham Oaks Trail, Houston, Texas 77079. A Committal service will follow the Mass at Odd Fellows Rest Cemetery in Columbus, Texas.

Cemetery

Events

Odd Fellows Rest Cemetery

Columbus, TX,

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Visitation

03:00PM - 05:00PM

Dettling Funeral Home

14094 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX, US, 77079

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Rosary

04:00PM

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Funeral Mass

10:30AM

St. John Vianney Catholic Church

625 Nottingham Oaks Trail, Houston, TX, US, 77079

Comments



“ I just found out today that Mrs. Hodde had passed away. I have so many great memories with the Hodde family. They were like a second family to me and Mrs. Hodde was like a second mom to me. She was the perfect example of a true southern lady - graceful, yet hysterical. She was intelligent and beautiful. I was lucky to be able to call her daughter, Lisa, my best friend growing up. I spent many a weekend at the farm in Columbus exploring. Mrs. Hodde always treated me like I was part of the family. My prayers go out to you guys for your loss. Hugs to all of you.

Kristy (Ficker) Deslatte - March 29, 2013 at 06:16 PM



“ Caring Condolences Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Esther Faye Hodde.



November 12, 2012 at 02:44 PM



“ Deluxe Gourmet Greetings Gift Trunk was purchased for the family of Mrs. Esther Faye Hodde.



November 10, 2012 at 04:27 PM



“ The Hodde Family: It's hard to understand why people are taken from us, but find comfort in knowing you were a special part of a well-lived life. I was saddened to hear of your loss. Please know how very sorry I AM.I want you to know you are not alone. You're in my thoughts, my heart, and my prayers. Emma JEAN Edwards Pointblank, Tx...

Emma Edwards Mikulenska Edwards - November 10, 2012 at 03:10 PM



“ Dan O'Connor purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Esther Faye Hodde.



Dan O'Connor - November 10, 2012 at 12:29 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Words can't express how much I feel for you, Mr. Hodde, and the whole family. I know it's going to take a long time, but I hope that there's a way to find peace after this tragedy. I loved Mrs. Hodde. She was always kind and generous to me. She let my Mom crash her Christmas dinner and didn't bat an eye when my Mom kept commenting on how everything had pig in it. She set aside pretty little things for me when I got married, because she knew I wouldn't have a trousseau. You both welcomed me into the family with generosity and kindness that I'll never forget. Again, words can't express how sorry I am for your loss. I will pray for healing and strength for the whole family. With love, Stephanie



Stephanie Shattuck - November 09, 2012 at 11:26 AM