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Dorothy Jean “Jean” Nordt, passed away peacefully in her sleep on May 17, 2026, just three weeks before her 96th birthday. She was born on June 10, 1930, to William and Katie Gragert in Guy, Texas, at the home of her grandparents, who helped bring her into the world. Jean was the middle of three children, with an older brother, Wilfred Gragert, and a younger sister, Mickey Gragert.

Jean’s early years were shaped by the hardships of the Great Depression. Raised in a small farmhouse without electricity or indoor plumbing, she learned the demands of farm life at a very young age. Although she never cared for the long walks to school or the rigors of rural living, those experiences helped form the resilience and determination that would guide her throughout her life. After a devastating hailstorm destroyed the family’s crops, her family abandoned tenant farming and moved to Needville, where her father began working for Dow Chemical.

In Needville, Jean thrived both in the classroom and in athletics. She played softball and volleyball in high school and took great pride in her achievements. Of all her honors, one of her proudest moments was being chosen by her

teammates as captain of the volleyball team for two consecutive years, a reflection of the respect and admiration she inspired in others.

Jean graduated from Richmond High School in 1947 and, two years later, married her high school sweetheart, L.C. Nordt, Jr. In 1950, during the Korean War, L.C. entered the Air Force, and the young couple made their home in San Antonio while he was stationed. After his discharge in 1954, they returned to Damon, Texas, where Jean worked at the Nordt Insurance Agency and L.C. joined the family business at Nordt Lumber Yard.

Jean and L.C. welcomed their first son, Glen Allan Nordt, in 1955, followed by their second son, Dean Charles Nordt, three years later. After moving to the Houston area, Jean longed to return to a more rural setting and eventually found a wooded property in Missouri City, Texas, where the family built a home that she helped design. There, she created a warm and loving home while also building a dedicated career in public service.

Over the years, she worked as the Missouri City Secretary to the Mayor, served as secretary to the principal of Dulles High School, and later worked at the Alief Post Office until her retirement.

Her sons remember Jean and L.C. as loving, devoted parents who gave them a happy childhood, a strong foundation, and every opportunity to succeed. They remember family travels and family vacations, the encouragement they received, and the warmth and steadiness their mother brought into their lives. Jean's sons say that "through the years Mom and Dad gave us a warm and loving life and happy childhood. They put us through college and graduate school and made sure we had a good start in life. We were blessed with good parents that loved us. Mom taught us to be open minded, to be willing to admit if we were wrong in whole or in part, but to stand our ground if we thought we were right."

After retirement, Jean and L.C. settled into retirement community living. After L.C.'s passing, in later years Jean eventually moved in with her two sons, dividing her time between their homes and spending her final years surrounded by the love and care of family.

Jean will be remembered for her devotion to family, her quiet strength, and the grace with which she lived her long life. Her legacy lives on in the family she loved so deeply and in the many memories that will continue to be treasured by those who knew her.

Jean loved her family, her grandchildren Erik, Corinne and Madison, and was fortunate to live long enough to see her first great-grandchild, Jack. Jean was a devout Christian and has gone to a better place.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday May 26, 2026 from 5:00 p.m to 7:00p.m at Davis Greenlawn, located in Rosenberg.

Expressions of sympathy and condolences may be shared with the family at Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd. (Hwy. 59 South at FM 2218), Rosenberg, Texas 77471. Phone: (281) 341-8800.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Memorial Park

3900 B.F. Terry Blvd.
Rosenberg, TX 77471

Upcoming Events

Public Visitation

MAY 26. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapels and Cemeteries
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