



## Willa Mae Nell Crout

March 25, 1925 - March 30, 2016

Willa Mae Nell Crout passed on to her maker on March 30, 2016. Her life was filled with many joyous events. She was born in Port Arthur, Texas on March 25, 1925. Her parents, Marion and Grace Fann, taught her the true meaning of friendship, responsibility, and love. Their teachings were reinforced by wonderful experiences throughout her life.

Willa grew up in the Groves area of Port Arthur and Buna, Texas. After graduation from high school, she met her soulmate Jack Dorman Crout, who was enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard. After they married, they lived in several duty stations associated with Jack's World War II service. When the war ended, they moved to Huntsville, Texas, where Jack attended Sam Houston State College. The following year, they moved to College Station, where Jack received his Bachelor of Science degree in Agronomy at Texas A&M University. Ultimately, Jack's job with the Soil Conservation Service took them to Shamrock, Texas. Some years later, they moved to their long time residence in Rosenberg, Texas. Jack and Willa brought into this world three beautiful daughters, Rebecca, Carla, and Patricia.

Willa was very active in the community and the First United Methodist Church in Rosenberg. She also was a member of the Eastern Star; and sponsored local Brownie and Girl Scout clubs. Her passion was sewing. She was an excellent seamstress. She loved sewing for her daughters, friends and charity

groups. There was not a fabric table left untouched. Willa loved cooking and baking. Her home was a favorite stop after school for a snack and ice tea. Willa's other love was playing dominos. She was an extraordinary woman who always supported her loving husband of 61 years, her daughters, son-in-laws, grand children, and friends. Everyone will truly miss her.

Willa was preceded in death by her parents, Marion and Grace Fann; her husband, Jack Crout; one brother, Carl Fann; and her beloved daughter, Patricia Lamensky. She is survived by her daughter, Rebecca and husband Ralph Reed; daughter, Carla and husband Dudley Latimer; son-in-law, David Lamensky; and brother, William Fann. Nell is also survived by her beautiful grandchildren, Diana and husband Waylan Alexander, Michael Latimer, Hafida and husband David Becker, and Jacqueline Lamensky. Her great-grandchildren include Chelsea, Cass, Jax, and Samantha Alexander; and Ephram and Kamilah Becker.

The viewing will be at Davis Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg at 9:00 A. M. on April 4, 2016. The funeral service will be held afterward at the Davis Greenlawn chapel.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Brazos Valley Hospice in Brenham, Texas or The First United Methodist Church in Rosenberg, Texas.

# Tribute Wall

SH

“ *My Aunt Nelly was not only a wonderful Aunt, but also a wonderful lady! I really enjoyed the times we spent together and you always had me laughing! I know you, Uncle Jack, Patty, Uncle Carl, Nanny Fann, Papa Fann and Mother are having a ball telling jokes and laughing in heaven! I will always cherish the dolls you made me! I miss and love all of you!*

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**stephanie Haven** - April 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *Becky and Carla  
I first got to know your parents through Church and through my younger sister, Opal. Your parents, especially your Mom were such good friends to my Mom. I came to think of Nellie as part of our family and always enjoyed seeing her on my trips back to Houston. She was a loving, caring and Christian lady. I am so sorry for your loss.*

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**Ruth Buls Stirling** - April 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ *Becky, Carla, and Family - Your Mother was a very special lady of whom I have very fond memories. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Kay Dube*

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**Patricia Kay Dube** - April 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ What can possibly be said about this wonderful woman that can truly pay tribute to her? She was the kindest, most loving, and unselfish person I have ever known- a true Christian. We moved next door to the Crouts when I was 7 years old, and Becky and I became life long best friends. Nellie became second mother to my 3 siblings and I, and has loved us unconditionally throughout our lives. She was funny, charismatic, energetic, happy, bubbly, and never ever made us feel like we didn't really belong to her- we just knew we did!! Nellie has loved us, our spouses, and our children all of our lives, and we have spent many happy hours over the years laughing and visiting with her. She has made us poodle skirts, Raggedy Ann dolls, meals, cakes, snacks, wreaths, you name it, she's brought it to us!!! We have been blessed with her love, and will keep her eternally in our thoughts and hearts. RIP sweet Nellie- we will love you always!! Thank you for everything!! Lane and Family

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**Lane Haardt** - April 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ I'm sorry for your loss. May the love of Jesus bring comfort to all of you in this difficult time.

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**Rick Deiss** - April 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ I am so sorry to hear this. She was an awesome woman that I had the pleasure of knowing since childhood. Patti and I always played around the house. She will always be in my heart. I am glad that she is with her husband and Patti now.

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**Denise Marietta Nieto** - April 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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**Denise Marietta Nieto** - April 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

OH

“ I had the privilege of knowing Nellie and her family just about all of my life. What a blessing that has been.

*Nellie and my Mom were very close friends... more than that family. Nellie was there always, if you needed something she was there.*

*Nellie was very loving, but you also knew when she corrected you that she meant business. She had the most wonderful laugh and her eyes danced when she laughed.*

*I will miss her so very much, as many others will. I know how much my Mom will miss her. She was like a second Mom to me.*

*Becky and Carla, others loved your Mom, that in itself speaks for how wonderful a person she was. We will always love and remember her.*

*Keep on smiling Nellie!*

*Opal, Rick and John.*

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**Opal Buls Hallworth** - April 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Rebecca and Carly,  
I have known your mother since 1979 when I moved to Rosenberg.  
I met her and your dad at church. I always loved "Nell" and Jack. I  
am so sorry to hear of your loss. May she RIP.*

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**Mary and Ronnie Bean** - April 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *What a loving and caring person Nellie was.  
My thoughts and prayers are with Becky and Ralph, Carla and  
Dudley, David and the grand children she was so proud of!!*

*I have many fond memories of Nellie and Jack and celebrate their  
being reunited again.*

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**Rick Baudoin** - April 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *My grandmother was a very loving woman. I have many fond  
memories and stories about her. I remember her letting me drive the  
car when I was a kid, I remember her pouring me cereal from a box  
she found in her garage in Rosenberg and it ended up having a  
hole in the box and was filled with ants and how we both screamed  
and dropped the box and laughed. I remember when we came to  
visit and we would go to the 99cents store and how she would let  
me pick out anything I wanted. I remember her and my grandfather  
hiding dollar bills in mulch bags and tricking me and my sister into  
spreading the mulch because "mulch bags have money in them." I  
remember the costumes she would make me for Halloween. Most  
importantly I remember how much I loved her and she loved me.  
She was an amazing woman and I am proud to say that I am her  
grandson and these are stories and memories I will share to those I  
love for the rest of my life.*

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**Michael Latimer** - April 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ So sorry to read of the loss of Ms. Crout. I remember growing up how sweet she was. She always had a smile on. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.

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**Peggy Cochran Ragsdale** - April 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ To Becky, Carla, and all of the Crout sons-in-laws and grandchildren, please know that I loved Nell. She was a wonderful 'second mom' to me, and I can think of others who would say the same for themselves. She would take care of me when I was sick and Mom couldn't get off work, provide solace when I had a bad day, lend a sympathetic ear, cook and share great treats, and just plain bE my grown-up friend. I know you will miss her deeply. I have missed being nearer to her and Jack these last few decades. 'Thank you, Nell, for all you contributed for each of us!'

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**Sherry Bain** - April 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ We love you and will miss you everyday.  
"We love you a bushel and a peck, and a hug around the neck, a barrel and a heap, and I'm talking in my sleep about you."

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**Dudley & Carla Latimer** - April 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM