



## Janie Ruth (Reaves) Pool

February 17, 1936 - March 20, 2021

Janie Ruth (Reaves) Pool, 85, passed from this life on March 20, 2021. She was born February 17, 1936, to father and mother, Benjamin L and Mattie L (Vann) Reaves, in Rhome, TX. She was a resident of Victoria, TX, for a total of around 25 years, and was a member at Bethel Baptist Church in Rockwall, TX.

Janie was a ray of sunshine in all of our lives. An encourager who always saw the good in people, Janie's love for her Savior and for her family always shone through. "Momma," as she was known to us, was a giver and there is no telling how many lives she blessed by her generosity. For a number of years prior to her move back to Garland, Janie served as a Hospice volunteer, sitting with families whose loved ones were nearing the end of their own lives, pouring out words of empathy and compassion over grief-stricken people. After living for several years in Victoria, Janie was reunited in marriage with Van Pool, sharing seven joyful years with him in Garland before his passing in October 2008. Janie had a heart of gold and a listening ear for the hurting. She had deep love for her Savior Jesus Christ and she loved to worship Him in song or from behind the keys of a piano; she loved to talk about the Lord's appearing which she, like us, anticipated to be soon and very soon. With all those loves in her life, you'd think it would have been too full for more but there was room for family, too. While in Garland, she enjoyed spending time with her great-granddaughter Victoria and the occasional visits of her great-grandson Jessie, but her favorite thing to do in the last few years (having returned to Victoria, TX) was the regular Sunday family dinners we shared when she would sit and watch Isaiah, Jonah and Abel play while holding her name-sake great-granddaughter Adalyn Ruth in her lap. It was said of her recently that Momma was beautiful inside and out and she was. She had a heart as big as Texas. She is with her Lord now and with "Bubba" her son and Van (her one true love) along with all who have gone before her. Today we grieve her passing but she is rejoicing and one day, by faith in the same Jesus who saved her, we WILL see her again! Leaning upon this truth, we find strength for the moment at hand. We love you, Momma...

Janie is survived by her sister and husband: Sue and Jerry Carpenter; daughter and

husband: Tina and Richard Schaller, and daughter Tammy Joyce and granddaughter and husband: Callee Jo and Tim Thomas and granddaughter, Desa Rae Frosch; grandsons: Jimmie Dale Schaller, Walter David Frosch Jr, Gary Amick, Tommy Amick, and Joshua Amick; great-grandchildren: Riley Frosch, Jessie Frosch, Victoria Frosch, Isaiah Thomas, Jonah Thomas, Abel Thomas and Adalyn Ruth Thomas and a host of other relatives who will all miss her dearly. She is preceded in death by her loving husband, Van Washington Pool Jr; her parents: Benjamin L and Mattie L (Vann) Reaves; her son: Vernon Amick; sisters: Ann Salley, Vera Collins, Billie Faye Reaves and Lois Hale and brothers: Jesse (Buster) Reaves and Earl Reaves.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00pm, Thursday, March 25, 2021, at Reflections at Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Location with Pastor Duane Crane officiating. Pallbearers are Richard Schaller, Jimmie Schaller, Isaiah Thomas, Tim Thomas, Lee Lewis and Walter David Frosch Jr. A gathering of friends and loved ones will be held Thursday morning, prior to the service, beginning at 12:00pm. Janie will be laid to rest after the funeral service in Rest Haven Memorial Park, Rockwall, TX.

The service will also be live streamed; please go to <http://www.oneroomstreaming.com> and click on "watch your service" icon and use Event ID: resthavenrockwall and password: I PBRDZ

# Cemetery

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## Rest Haven Memorial Park

2500 State Highway 66  
East  
Rockwall, TX, 75087

# Events

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## MAR Gathering

12:00PM - 01:00PM

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The Gathering at Rest Haven Funeral Home - Rockwall  
Location

2500 State Highway 66 East, Rockwall, TX, US, 75087

## MAR Funeral Service

01:00PM

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Reflections at Rest Haven Funeral Home - Rockwall  
Location

2500 State Highway 66 East, Rockwall, TX, US, 75087

# Comments

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“ Thank you for sharing the funeral services with everyone. Janie was a special friend, and I treasure the memories that I have of working with her at UHV. Her bright smile and loving, caring spirit will be missed by all whose lives she touched. My prayers are with her family. With love and sympathy, Melody Olsen

**Melody Olsen** - April 13 at 08:34 PM

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“ The service and singing were beautiful. Sending prayers to all the family. I worked with Janie at the University of Houston-Victoria. I thought about Janie many times throughout the years and recently visited with her over the phone. She will be truly missed. Debbie Pavliska

**Debbie Pavliska** - March 25 at 03:13 PM

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“ Monica Hartman sent a virtual gift in memory of Janie Ruth (Reaves) Pool



**Monica Hartman** - March 25 at 02:36 PM



“ I am so glad that my great aunt Janie kept in touch and shared her smiling attitude and caring nature. She will be missed. Wishing those closest to her comfort and peace.

**Monica Hartman** - March 25 at 02:40 PM

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“ Thoughts and prayers go out to both of you girls, Janie has a special place in my heart. She played the piano at my wedding to her brother. We talked on the phone several times. A special person.  
May God grant you strength and comfort for the days ahead. He is an ever-present.  
Love and care,  
Margaret Reaves

**Margaret Reaves** - March 25 at 11:32 AM



“ I am so sorry to read of the loss of this lovely wonderful lady. I honestly wouldn't be where I am today without her! I worked with Janie at University of Houston-Victoria. She was my mentor. She encourage me to take a position so I could work directly with her and she could train me to take over her position as Purchasing Agent when she decided to retire. Little did I know, she was going to find her love, Van, again and leave me in less than a year. With her influence and training, I was able to work as the Purchasing Agent for several year. That allowed me to be qualified to interview and be hired in my current position as Director of Purchasing at Victoria College. Janie was a true inspiration to me. I've thought about her often and prayed that she was well and happy. I will truly miss her. Prayers for peace and comfort for her family. Thanks for all you did for me, Janie.....I'll never forget you! Lydia Huber, Victoria, Texas

**Lydia Huber** - March 24 at 04:52 PM

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“ My sister, Janie, and I grew up on a farm near Rhome, Texas until we moved to Dallas when she was 13 and I was 11 years old. She was always Daddy's helper and could milk cows and even milked the neighbor's goat when he was too elderly to do it. In Dallas, she was in the high school band where she played the clarinet. Over the years, we only saw each other occasionally (once on a Caribbean cruise which she loved), but we talked on the phone regularly. She was a fun-loving, caring person and I will miss my big sister very much. Sue Carpenter in Sequim, Washington

**Sue Ellen Carpenter** - March 24 at 01:51 PM