



## Nellie Louise Hastcoat

August 18, 1933 - January 21, 2019

Nellie Louise Simmons Hastcoat of Rowlett, Texas, passed away on January 21, 2019 at the age of 85. She was born August 18, 1933 in Plano, Texas to Robert Lee Simmons and Minnie Lorena (Waid) Simmons. She was preceded in death by her parents: Robert and Lorena; husband: Malcolm "Mickey" Hastcoat; son: Stephen "Steve" Hastcoat; great-grandson: Seth Prunty; sister-in-law: Wilma, wife of Oliver Simmons; brother: Thomas "Edward" Simmons and his wife, Wilma Jean, of Jemison, Alabama.

Nellie is survived by four children: two sons: Jesse "Dusty" Hastcoat & wife, Kristina "Tina" Ray, of Rowlett, Texas; and Michael "Mike" Hastcoat of Albuquerque, New Mexico; and two daughters: Linda "Susie" Tucker & husband, David, of Richland Hills, Texas; and Amy Slaughter & husband, Christopher, of Arlington, Texas; and eight grand-children: Kevin Hastcoat & wife, Amber; John Hastcoat; Christie Watkins; Jacob Bridges; John Michael "Mikey" Krugman & husband, Eric; Alexander "Alex", Haley and Anthony "Tony" Slaughter; and six great-grandchildren: Antonio "Tony", Jade, and Connor Hastcoat; Amanda Watkins; Katie Prunty; and Slade Bridges; and two step-great-grandchildren; Nicholas "Nick" and Carter Krugman; and two great-great-grandchildren: Axle and Sylvia Watkins.

In addition to her descendants, Nellie is survived by four siblings: Oliver Simmons of Mesquite, Texas; Doyle Simmons of Dallas, Texas; Wayne Simmons & wife, Joy, of Mesquite, Texas; and Nettie Watkins of El Dorado, Arkansas; and many cousins, nephews, nieces, and friends.

Nellie grew up in Dallas with her parents and five siblings. An accomplished scholar, she was double promoted on two occasions, which allowed her to skip ahead a full school year each time. At the age of 16, she graduated mid-term in January 1950 from N. R. Crozier Technical High School, where she became a licensed cosmetologist.

February 3, 1950 Nellie married Malcolm "Mickey" Hastcoat. They were married for 37 years. Mickey served in the military for 20 plus years. Nellie relocated with him often throughout his career, as he was posted at various locations around the southeastern and

mid-eastern United States and Texas. Occasionally, depending on his duty assignments, she moved and ran the household independently until his return.

Around year-end 1964, Nellie returned to Dallas. For a short time, she worked in retail at H. L. Green Co., a five and dime store, before embarking on a very successful career at the City of Dallas. During her tenure with the City of Dallas she worked in various clerical positions in many different departments. After approximately 30 years of dedicated service to the City of Dallas, she retired in order to care for her ailing mother.

Although she returned to Dallas in 1964, Nellie still had many more Texas moves ahead of her; including Myrtle Springs, Kemp, Dallas, Arlington and finally Rowlett. Nellie enjoyed the last five years of her life in Rowlett, where she lived with and was lovingly cared for by her son, Jesse, and daughter-in-law, Tina.

Nellie enjoyed spending time with family and friends, especially her dearest friend Ann Harguess. And she loved oohing and awing over the babies and young children in our extended families. She delighted in getting together for holidays and family reunions. She also liked attending parties with Jesse and Tina, occasionally staying out quite late. By far, her favorite party of all time was her 85th Birthday Party, which was joyfully attended by many friends and many family members.

Nellie enjoyed reading, a lot, and working Word Search books. Harlequin romance novels were her preference, but she also read other types of books. She swapped books with several friends and the Rockwall Senior Center Exchange Library. Nora Roberts was one of her favorite authors. Her favorite music genre was country. She liked Loretta Lynn, Dolly Parton, George Strait, Alan Jackson and many others.

Some of Nellie's most memorable trips included one to Nashville with Lorena, one to Branson with Susie, and one with Jesse & Tina to El Dorado to visit her sister, Nettie, then on to Jemison to visit her brother, Edward, and his family.

Nellie would have been proud to know her desire to be an organ donor was fulfilled by an anatomical donation to the Willed Body Program at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

Nellie was one of the dearest, kindest, sweetest, most caring, most lovable and loving persons that you could ever meet. She was generous and would do without to provide for others. She had a precious smile and wonderful sense of humor. She was easy going, even tempered, mild mannered and rarely had a cross word to say about anyone or anything. She was very proud of her family and loved them very much. She was loved by

everyone and was truly a blessing to one and all.

A memorial service will be held 2:00pm Saturday, February 9, 2019, at Rest Haven Funeral Home – Rowlett Chapel with Pastor Rick Donaho officiating. A reception will immediately follow the memorial service.

Please share memorable moments with the family by placing them in the basket near the guest register; cards provided, or you may bring ones prepared at home. You may also post condolences and memories online at <https://tinyurl.com/in-memory-of-NLH>.

# Events

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**FEB**   **Memorial Service**                      02:00PM

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Rest Haven - Rowlett Location

3701 Rowlett Road, Rowlett, TX, US, 75088

# Comments

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**Rest Haven Funeral Homes and Memorial Park** - February 07, 2019 at 03:59 PM

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“ I remember meeting her about 2 1/2 years ago at Jessie's home. She was a nice lady.  
-- Stuart Yarus, a member of the North Texas PC Users' Group.

**stuart yarus** - February 06, 2019 at 12:06 AM

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“ Jesse Hastcoat is following this tribute.

**Jesse Hastcoat** - January 30, 2019 at 02:06 PM