



## Wanda May Elerson

October 12, 1931 - September 3, 2019

Wanda May Worley Elerson was born October 12, 1931 in Mountain View, Oklahoma to J. B. and Elmettie (Smith) Worley. She passed from this life on September 3, 2019 at her home in Ben Wheeler, Texas.

Wanda lived in Oklahoma until she was 16 years old. Her Dad moved them back to Texas and they lived in Glenn Heights just south of DeSoto. She met Arvis Elerson, the Man of her life, in 1948 and they were united in marriage on March 24, 1950.

Wanda was the first girl to graduate from Lancaster High School who was married. The superintendent, J. E. Dawson, took her to his office and asked her to sit down. He said, "Wanda, we all know Arvis and the faculty and I believe you two will do well together. We will let you stay in school, but you leave marriage at home and when you go home, leave school at school". She had two more months before graduation and she did as Mr. Dawson said.

Wanda was preceded in death by her parents and infant daughter, Bonita Faye Elerson. She is survived by husband Arvis C. Elerson; sons Arvis Clayton Elerson, Jr., Joe Earl Elerson & wife Sherry, Kenneth Ray Elerson & wife Glenda, Alan Clark Elerson; daughter Juanita May Walker & husband Greg; brothers Billy Worley & wife Norma Jo, J. B. Worley, Jr. & wife Janis; sisters Janie Vineyard, Helen Kelm & husband Roger, Betty Venette &

husband Luckey; 15 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; 1 great great grandchild.

# Cemetery Details

## **Rawlins Cemetery**

1632 W. Main St.  
Lancaster, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wanda May Elerson.* ”



September 07, 2019 at 01:20 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wanda May Elerson.* ”



September 06, 2019 at 06:31 PM



“ *Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of Wanda May Elerson.* ”



September 06, 2019 at 12:27 PM



“ *Greg & Juanita Walker and Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Wanda May Elerson.* ”



**Greg & Juanita Walker and Family** - September 06, 2019 at 11:59 AM

HF

“ *Hershal Gene Ground and family purchased the Dawn of Remembrance Basket for the family of Wanda May Elerson.*



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**Hershal Gene Ground and family** - September 06, 2019 at 10:51 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Wanda May Elerson.*



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September 06, 2019 at 10:06 AM

CF

“ *Chris Hayes & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Wanda May Elerson.*

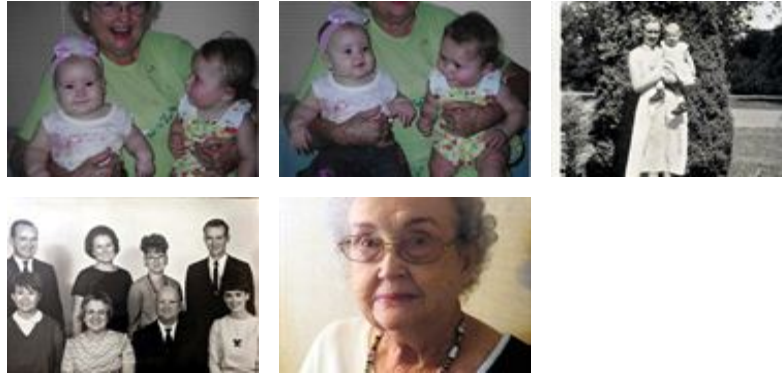


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**Chris Hayes & Family** - September 06, 2019 at 09:32 AM



“ 5 files added to the album Life Tributes



Byrum Funeral Home - September 05, 2019 at 06:34 PM

MH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Melissa Hopson - September 05, 2019 at 04:40 PM

JB

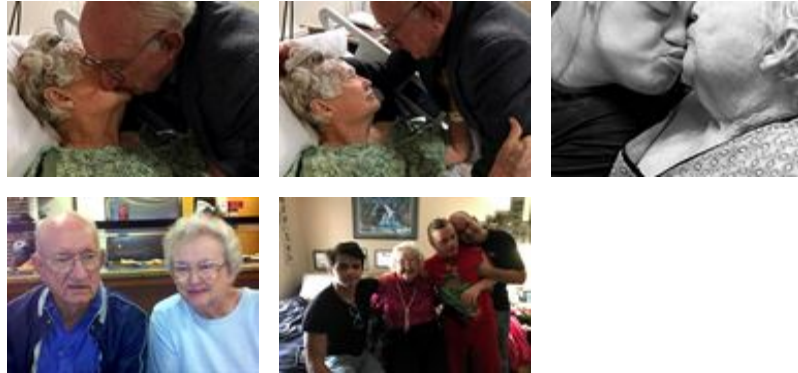
“ Will miss you Aunt Wanda but, I know you are in a better place.



Jill Brown - September 05, 2019 at 04:34 PM



“ 65 files added to the album Life Tributes



Byrum Funeral Home - September 05, 2019 at 03:58 PM

BS

“ Brian Sandlin purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Wanda May Elerson.



Brian Sandlin - September 05, 2019 at 01:09 PM

JH

“ J.B & Janis Worley, Katherine Worley Hartgraves purchased the Peace Eternal Wreath for the family of Wanda May Elerson.



J.B & Janis Worley, Katherine Worley Hartgraves -  
September 05, 2019 at 12:34 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Wanda May Elerson.*



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September 05, 2019 at 11:18 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Wanda May Elerson.*



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September 05, 2019 at 11:16 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Wanda May Elerson.*



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September 05, 2019 at 11:14 AM

MH

“ I loved my Memaw so much. She had a huge impact on my life and influenced me in so many ways...so much so, that I have been told many times that I am just like my Memaw. So many wonderful memories of her - taking us to church when we were little and teaching our Bible class & then stopping at the gas station and giving us money for candy, tucking me in at night and saying the prayer when we lived with her, decorating Christmas cookies together and making fruitcake and homemade soap, sitting on the patio shucking peas together while she told me stories, how she made all of my prom dresses and band concert dresses, playing Chickenfoot in the RV on camping trips, she and Papaw bringing loads of firewood to us in recent years and visiting with us. It's really hard knowing that I won't see her again in this life. She has always been there. I am going to miss her so much, but I am so thankful for the lifetime of memories and all of the time I was able to spend with her.

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**Melissa Hopson** - September 05, 2019 at 10:41 AM

MH

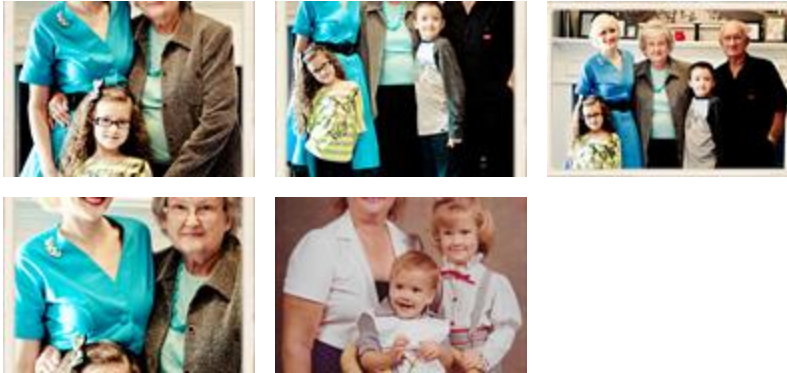
I forgot to mention that she gave the best hugs! The strongest, sweetest, most loving hugs ever. And her cooking was amazing. Memaw never made a bad meal. She will be missed so much, and forever in my heart. I love you, Memaw.

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**Melissa Hopson** - September 05, 2019 at 05:34 PM

MH

“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



Melissa Hopson - September 05, 2019 at 10:23 AM

DM

“ Wanda was a beautiful woman. She smiled so easily and allowed me to care for her with such trust. It was my honor to do so, even if for just a brief time. I pray for her eternal happiness in heaven.  
Denise M., Caregiver

Denise Maltos - September 05, 2019 at 07:12 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Wanda May Elerson.



September 04, 2019 at 09:02 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Wanda May Elerson.* ”



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September 04, 2019 at 08:58 PM



“ I was your friend. I was your family. I was your confidant and trusted advisor. You are a person that could have been any number of things to me. I really always had faith in you. I trusted you and the promises that you made to me. I believed in you and all the plans for your future that we made together. I let you in, against my best wishes. I relentlessly defended you. I saw the beautiful parts of who you were. I made plans with you and kept them in my head like a guaranteed magnificent destination. I loved you. I gave you all that I had and now I am left feeling empty.

*I know there are parts of you that I will never truly understand and therefore cannot fit into the small boxes of reasoning that I have tried to place around these complex situations. I know that there was a reason why I believed in you, and therefore there is a reason why I still want the absolute best for you. Friendship, family, and relationships seem so well defined with their expectations, but very rarely are all of those expectations going to be met. That is the chance you take in believing in people. In the end, loving each other only teaches us about love, as a separate and beautiful entity that is unparalleled to anything else in this world.*

*I remember that you brought me memories and emotions that made me feel alive. I remember that if you were worth my trust and love, and I am worth the relief of being able to let go. I know I am strong and alive, and free to experience all depths of love and loss. I am blessed for the moments that I have and the moments that I have lost. You are a piece of me, and that piece will not eat away at my soul like hatred would. It will live inside of me in a place that is preserved by forgiveness, happiness and humility. And for that I will continue to go forward.*

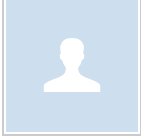
*I pray that the future is kinder to the both of us and hopefully we will be together in Heaven for all eternity.*

*Love you always,*

*Joe Earl*

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**Joe Elerson** - September 04, 2019 at 06:40 PM



“ *Always Adored Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Wanda May Elerson.*



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September 04, 2019 at 06:11 PM