



Nelda Ellis Cade

July 14, 1937 - July 29, 2023

Nelda “Moms” Ellis Cade, 86, of Tyler passed peacefully from this earth on July 29, 2023, from natural causes.

Nelda was born on July 14, 1937, in Chandler, to Russell and Magnolia Ellis. She graduated from Chandler High School in 1955 and attended Tyler Junior College then studied home economics at the University of Texas at Austin, an institution she loved only slightly less than the Lord’s church and whose heroes she venerated with nearly equal affection.

Nelda delighted in the people around her, and she devoted her life to lightening the loads of everyone in her reach. Nelda was a member of Glenwood Church of Christ for 65 years and co-founded Thursday School so mothers of small children could find the much-needed time in their week to care for themselves and their families. She served on the board of Little People’s School and was President of the PTA so teachers would have the volunteers and resources they needed to improve the lives of the students in their charge. She baked pound cakes, served warm meals, and brewed sweet mango watermelon tea so the important task of fellowship never wanted for sustenance. Her love of needlepoint led her to co-found Friends In Stitches with two dear friends. Nelda practiced radical hospitality through her final days, and continually expressed her joy at seeing each of you who took time for one more visit.

Nelda was predeceased by her parents, and her sister, Glenda Ellis Buchanan. She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Alton Cade, Jr.; son, Jeff Cade and wife Kakie of Athens; daughter, Deborah Nail and husband Jeff of Lindale; three granddaughters and their spouses: Lori Anne Shaw and David of Waco, Scharli Hamman and Alicia of Seattle, Washington, Bradi Polly and Dustin of Chandler; and five perfect great-grandchildren: Maci and Cade Shaw, Kadin and Ivan Hamman, and Sadi Polly. The family is eternally grateful for the care provided by the sitters from Home Instead and medical staff at Christus Trinity Mother Francis and Hospice of East Texas.

Services will be held at Glenwood Church of Christ on Thursday, August 3, 2023 at 10 AM. Burial will follow at Concord Cemetery, 14591 FM 2010 in Chandler. Visitation will be at Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler on Wednesday, August 2, 2023 from 6 PM - 8 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Christian Homes & Family Services, 5476 Hollytree Dr., Tyler, TX 75703 (<https://christianhomes.com>) and Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701 (www.hospiceofeasttexas.org).

Cemetery Details

Concord Cemetery

14591 FM 2010
Chandler, TX 75758

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Service

AUG 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Glenwood Church of Christ
5210 Hollytree Dr.
Tyler, TX

Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Nelda Ellis Cade



Stewart Family Funeral Home - August 01, 2023 at 03:02 PM

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Kerry Rutledge - August 03, 2023 at 02:57 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Nelda Ellis Cade.



August 02, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Nelda Ellis Cade.



August 02, 2023 at 01:12 PM

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“ Nelda was my Daddy’s 1st cousin. Her Dad Russell was my grandfather Silas’ brother. She was such a sweet heart & I have wonderful memories of her when my boys (who are now 48 & 46) were at Thursday school. A true servant’s heart. Laquetta Ellis Lemmert

Laquetta Ellis Lemmert - August 02, 2023 at 01:10 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Nelda Ellis Cade.



August 02, 2023 at 10:09 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Nelda Ellis Cade.

August 01, 2023 at 02:38 PM



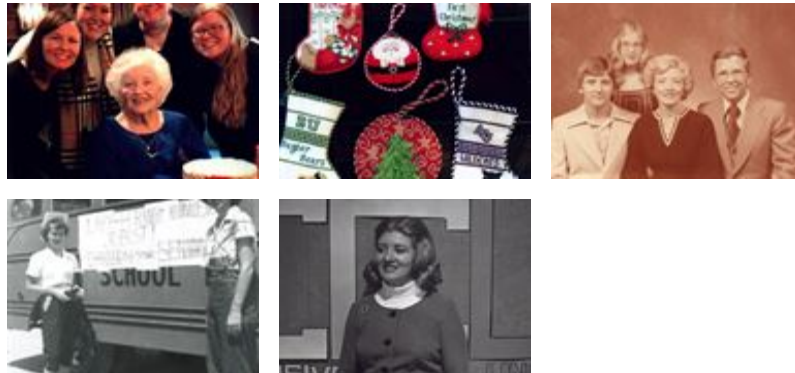
“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Nelda Ellis Cade.



August 01, 2023 at 02:38 PM



“ 99 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - August 01, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ Our condolences and prayers to the family during this time. We hope for peace and celebration of the memories shared. - Haley & Olson, P.C.

Lauren Jarosek - August 01, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Kelley Uzzell lit a candle in memory of Nelda Ellis Cade



Kelley Uzzell - July 31, 2023 at 11:09 PM

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“ *My Aunt was the most gracious person and her home was a true reflection of her. Everything about her beckoned you to into the warmth and hospitality of not only her home but wherever she was, graciousness, warmth and hospitality were a trademark of her being. Throughout my life I learned so much from her, my mother taught me to sew but my Aunt taught me about my true love, needlepoint. The list of things I learned from her is endless and almost daily I think about how she would do something as I stitch, cook, welcome someone into my home or just welcome them into a conversation. She left an indelible impression on my life and I will miss her more than I can express. Love and prayers to all the Cade Family.*

Kay Hammans - July 31, 2023 at 09:05 PM

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“ *So sorry for your loss. Praying for all the family. Rob and Shelli Sellers*

Shelli Sellers - July 31, 2023 at 05:08 PM