



## Neva Jane (Janie) Hamm

July 31, 1932 - November 28, 2021

Neva Jane (Janie) Hamm died peacefully at home Sunday, November 28, 2021, with her family at her bedside. She was 89.

The Mass of Christian Burial for the repose of her soul will be celebrated Friday, December 3, 2021, at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Tyler. A rosary will precede the mass at 9:30 a.m. Visitation is scheduled for Thursday, December 2, 2021, from 4 to 5 p.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, Tyler.

Janie was born July 31, 1932 in Winner, South Dakota to Clifford Lloyd Sigler and Eva Luella Hammond Sigler. She graduated from Torrington High School in Torrington, Wyoming and earned a Bachelor's of Arts in Business Education at the University of Wyoming, where she was active in the Chi Omega Sorority.

She married Dr. George F. Hamm in 1958 in Laramie, Wyoming. They moved to Tempe, Arizona in 1962, where George started his career at Arizona State University. She was an active member of the Faculty Wives Club and numerous community organizations.

George and Janie moved to Tyler in 1981 when George was appointed President of the University of Texas at Tyler. Janie was a constant presence in

the UT Tyler community, hosting events, parties, and visiting dignitaries. She was an ardent supporter of Sister Cities International. She traveled extensively, visiting the former Soviet Union, China, Japan, Uzbekistan, Turkey, and countless other countries around the globe. She served on the board of Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos, an orphanage serving children in Mexico, and Haiti. Janie was passionate about her work with orphans and hosted several in her home. She was a member of the Marion Wilcox Junior Garden Club, Culta Mea Literary Group, and the Altar Society at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Above all, Janie was a committed and adoring wife, mother, and grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her husband of more than 50 years, Dr. George F. Hamm; two sons, Robert Joseph Hamm and Daniel George Hamm; by brothers Bob and Derald Sigler and sister Norma Jean Carpenter.

Janie is survived by children Greg Hamm and wife, Mirielle of Virginia and Jean Marie Glass of Tyler; and six grandchildren, Monique, Madeleine, Theresa and Catherine Hamm, and Daniel and Sarah Glass; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Memorials in memory of Janie Hamm may be made to the Tyler Catholic School Foundation, 5528 Old Bullard Road, Tyler, 75703; or The University of Texas at Tyler Scholarship Fund, Office of University Advancement, 3900 University Blvd., Tyler, 75701.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 2. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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

## Rosary

DEC 3. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception  
423 S. Broadway  
Tyler, TX 75702

## Funeral Mass

DEC 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception  
423 S. Broadway  
Tyler, TX 75702

# Tribute Wall

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“Late in her life, I asked my aunt Janie if she would talk to me about the things in her life she remembered that those of us born much later may not know. She said something so profound that it stuck with me and always will. A few years later, I was tasked with writing a Memorial Day poem to honor veterans. The poem was about my dad and uncle, her two older brothers, and I was proud to include her words into the story. Here's the poem:

*REMEMBER THEM ALL*

*He was from the "Ragtime Cowboy Joe from Ol' Wyo." state.  
The one with the bucking bronc on the license plate.  
He served in the war, not once, but twice.  
You can't buy service like that for any price.*

*First on-board ship in the Pacific Ocean.  
After Germany he was laid to rest in Goshen.  
He left school early to join the war.  
He was too young or he would have gone before.*

*His brother followed the very same year.  
Back home, the family worried with fear.  
Two sons gone who may not return.  
Each day they waited in fear of what they may learn.*

*I asked his youngest sister many years post.  
What it was she remembered most.  
What stood out in her mind above all.  
She gave me a quote from the Apostle Paul.*

*"Hope does not disappoint," she said,  
"We knew every day we lived they could be dead."  
"The guilt was heavy, but we did our part  
We saved scrap metal, old tires and bacon fat"*

*"Ration stamps and limitations were in*

*We did without so our boys could win  
We made more out of less without resentments  
'Cause our boys were defending our amendments"*

*"We lived in perpetual fear of the knock on the door"  
"So, my greatest memory," she said, "was the end of the war."*

*It was then I knew that Memorial Day  
Is not just for those who passed away  
It's also for those who stayed behind  
Those who's fear and worry consumed their mind.*

*It's for those who died a little each day as they lived and waited  
Hoping the life they knew would not be dissipated  
But even if they never get the dreaded telegram,  
Too much water goes over the dam*

*So when you remember all those who served  
Remember also those at home, whom war unnerved  
Their wounds may not be perceptible  
But their endurance is beyond commendable.*

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**Rowland Sigler** - June 11, 2025 at 10:52 PM

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“ *Pete Patterson purchased the Treasured Lilies S  
pray for the family of Neva Jane (Janie) Hamm.*

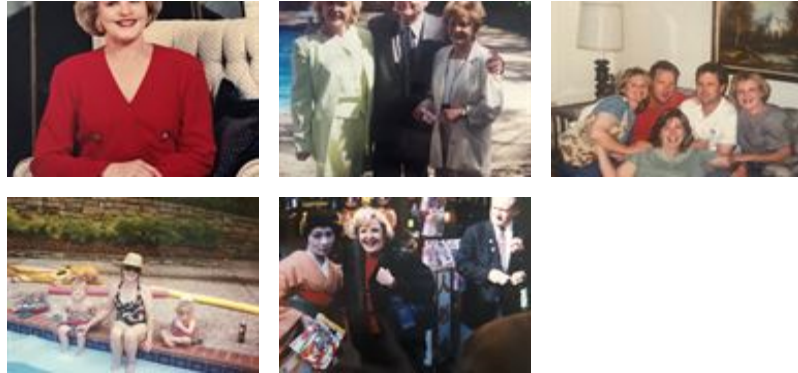


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**Pete Patterson** - December 02, 2021 at 05:14 PM



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**Stewart Family Funeral Home** - December 02, 2021 at 04:52 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of *Neva Jane (Janie) Hamm*.



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December 02, 2021 at 10:26 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of *Neva Jane (Janie) Hamm*.



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December 01, 2021 at 11:11 PM

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“ *Dick and Rosemary Edwards purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Neva Jane (Janie) Hamm.*



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**Dick and Rosemary Edwards** - December 01, 2021 at 03:19 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Neva Jane (Janie) Hamm.*



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November 30, 2021 at 05:41 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Neva Jane (Janie) Hamm.*



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November 30, 2021 at 01:47 PM