



## Susan Del Spence Norvell

October 4, 1946 - August 7, 2023

Memorial services for Susan Spence Norvell, 76, of Bullard will be held on Saturday, August 19, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home with James Nance officiating under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Ms. Norvell passed away Monday, August 7, 2023, at her home in Bullard. She was born in Hayward, California to her mother, Ruth Margaret Patterson Spence, and her father, Julius Hoff Spence, who were members of the Navy Medical Corp after WWII. The Navy took the young family up and down the West Coast from Bremerton Washington to National City in San Diego. The family finally made a permanent move to Tyler in 1956 where she attended various elementary schools, some where she later taught. Susan was one of the few that attended the fledgling Robert E. Lee when it was both a junior and senior high school. She participated in the annual Texas Rose Festival as a Lady- In-Waiting. She then attended Tyler Junior College for two years, serving as a cheerleader for her beloved Apaches, before transferring to the University of Texas in Austin to earn her bachelor's and master's teaching degrees. Susan became a much-loved elementary school teacher in the public school system for 34 years. She impacted many young lives with her God-given talents. Many of her students stayed in touch with her throughout the years. Susan was very active in the Tyler Saddle Club and East Texas Horse Show and Rodeo Association, winning numerous trophies, buckles and

championships. She successfully raised and bred many AQHA and APHA Champions. A gifted horse rider and trainer, she passed her skills to her sisters, Karen and Kathy. Her greatest joy was being Gigi to her two grandchildren, Addison and Grayson.

Susan was an avid sports fan throughout her life whether following the Robert E. Lee Rebels, TJC Apaches, UT Longhorns games, or rooting Ryan on in baseball. She was fiercely independent and enjoyed her farm and raising her horses, seldom taking time to venture far from home. Watching her grandchildren grow and participate in various activities provided much joy in her later years. She became the 'Gigi' she always dreamed of being. Susan will be missed by all those that relish the independence she exhibited.

Susan was preceded in death by her parents, Dr. Julius "Judy" and Ruth Margaret Spence. She is survived by her loving family including son, Ryan Moore, wife Cori; beloved grandchildren, Addison and Grayson Moore; sisters, Karen Lanford, husband David, Kathy Snodgrass, husband Todd; brothers, Dennis Spence, wife Sabra, and Gary Spence. She was also loved by her niece, nephews, and many cousins.

Visitation is scheduled from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 19, 2023, at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

If desired, memorials may be made to The Pegasus Project, Inc., P.O. Box 26, Ben Wheeler, TX 75754 ([www.mypegasusproject.org](http://www.mypegasusproject.org)) or Nicholas Pet Haven, 12903 State Hwy 155, Tyler, TX 75703 ([www.nicholaspethaven.org](http://www.nicholaspethaven.org)).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **19**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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

## Memorial Service

AUG **19**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Susan Del Spence Norvell



Stewart Family Funeral Home - August 16, 2023 at 06:07 PM

C6

*A Beautiful life for a beautiful Lady with a champagne personality!! :)*

CARL STOCKER class of 64 - August 17, 2023 at 08:59 PM

DC

*Beautiful tribute video. Will miss her. Best neighbor. ❤️*

Doris Crockett - August 18, 2023 at 09:37 PM

BM

“ Bill McKnight lit a candle in memory of Susan Del Spence Norvell



Bill McKnight - August 19, 2023 at 02:31 PM

BM

“ Susan Del Spence Norvell got up and spoke at my mother's 100th Birthday Celebration at Green Acres Baptist Church in 2011. Susan said so many nice things about my mom and their time teaching together at Mattie Jones School. Their classrooms were directly across the hall from each other. Susan has said many times how she admired my mom and how my mom was her mentor. Thank you Susan for bringing so much joy to our lives. God Bless you dear lady. Bill McKnight

*Bill McKnight - August 17 at 01:01 AM*

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**Bill McKnight** - August 19, 2023 at 02:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Susan Del Spence Norvell.

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August 18, 2023 at 08:19 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Susan Del Spence Norvell.



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August 18, 2023 at 08:19 PM

BH

“ Bill And Lydia Holley lit a candle in memory of Susan Del Spence Norvell



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**Bill and Lydia Holley** - August 18, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Susan Del Spence Norvell.*



August 17, 2023 at 10:26 AM



“ *3 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Stewart Family Funeral Home** - August 16, 2023 at 10:32 AM



“ *We are so saddened at the loss of Susan. Our memories of the family riding horses in our neighborhood are fond ones. We lived on Wilmington. Thankfully my mom is still in our home.  
In prayer and remembrance,*

*Susan Regan Donnenfield and Adele Regan*

**Susan Regan Donnenfield** - August 15, 2023 at 06:28 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan Del Spence Norvell.*



August 15, 2023 at 04:26 PM

BN

“ RIP Susan. We are out of state for a while and won't make the funeral but know well she, as the senior lady gal cuz of the 14 Spence cuzes, will be well remembered and blessed as she now holds the hands of AP, UJ, my mom and dad and other Spence clan. Billy and Edith

Bill Nance - August 15, 2023 at 11:32 AM

BM

“ Bill McKnight purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Susan Del Spence Norvell.



Bill McKnight - August 14, 2023 at 02:54 PM

SC

“ sorry for your loss from all at jimmy browns service center ---great lady!!!

scott coffman - August 14, 2023 at 01:56 PM

LF

“ Sorry for your loss Gary & the entire Spence & Norvell family. Prayers for healing.

Leanne French - August 14, 2023 at 01:45 PM

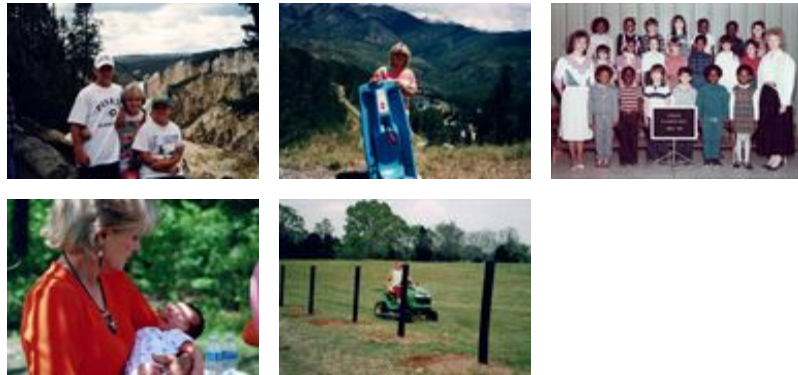
JN

“ June and I will be there to share our love of Susan Dell on our hearts with memories of a lifetime, being her cousin. Love covers all time and distance-- we had that and are so grateful. Jimmy and June

Jimmy Nance - August 13, 2023 at 05:44 PM



“ 35 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - August 11, 2023 at 04:56 PM



“ 111 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - August 11, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ *Bertha , Jimmy Brown lit a candle in memory of Susan Del Spence Norvell*



bertha , jimmy brown - August 10, 2023 at 12:08 PM

GB

“ *What a wonderful person Susan was. Always positive and she loved people. I am sure she will be with the angels, since she was one herself. She will just be joining others up there.*

**Gates Brelsford** - August 09, 2023 at 02:44 PM

ES

“ *Emily Tidwell Splawn lit a candle in memory of Susan Del Spence Norvell*



**Emily Tidwell Splawn** - August 09, 2023 at 12:49 AM

GT

*Susan was a lovely person. So so cute.*

**Gail Taylor** - August 09, 2023 at 09:41 AM

BH

“ *Please accept my most heartfelt condolences in the passing of my amazing first grade teacher, "Miss Spence." I was her student in 1972-73 and I adored her. I still think of her at times and recall the wonderful person and educator she was. I vividly remember her blue and white Mustang parked near our classroom! I also recall attending her wedding with other classmates! I am truly grateful that we reconnected in 1997 while my husband, myself, and our newborn baby boy, "Ryan" were living in Canada. I will never forget her.*

**Belinda Hammock** - August 08, 2023 at 05:32 PM

BH

“ *Belinda Hammock lit a candle in memory of Susan Del Spence Norvell*



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**Belinda Hammock** - August 08, 2023 at 05:30 PM