



Stella Strackbein Moore

September 22, 1922 - March 17, 2018

Stella Moore (affectionately known as our Maw-Maw) was born Stella Hulda Strackbein on September 22, 1922. She was the youngest of the 6 children of August and Augusta Strackbein of Harper, Texas. Her paternal grandfather, Christian Strackbein, immigrated as a young boy with the first group of German settlers to Fredericksburg. Her mother, Augusta Lange, came from the Lange family of Doss, Texas. Lange's Mill, operational from 1849-1878, still stands as a Texas Historical Site on Threadgill Creek in Doss.

Stella married Chester William Moore on March 1, 1947, in San Antonio, Texas, where they made a life for the next 30 years. Stella took in sewing and became known as a skilled seamstress and creator of quality clothing. The couple raised three sons as well as various other family members who were in and out of their welcoming home. Her sons are grateful for the values of motherly love and patient listening she instilled from an early age. Great travelers, the family toured by car all over Texas and as far as California and Colorado. Port Aransas continues to be a favorite destination of Stella's descendants.

In the late 1970s, Stella and Chester retired to the Moore family farm on the Brownwood highway just a few miles from Placid. There, they hosted friends, family, and unruly grandkids. Stella's grandchildren especially remember weeklong get-togethers, fishing, swimming, exploring the farm, and learning

sweetness, curiosity, fierceness, and a wicked sense of humor from their grandmother. Stella held her own at bridge tables all over the area, and there wasn't a dance floor in Texas that didn't feel the two-stepping feet of the Moore couple. They even visited the local nursing homes to dance and cheer up the residents.

The Moores moved into Brady in 1994, to a house on Wall Street. In the warm Texas evenings, they watched the cars go by, chatted with their neighbors, and often traveled around the area for dances. After she lost her husband in 2002, Stella continued as the matriarch of the family, generally winning the award for longest lived from both the Moore and Lange family reunions. Stella played bridge as long as she kept winning and danced as often as her sons would take her.

Stella Strackbein Moore passed away peacefully and beautifully at Brookdale South Senior Living in San Angelo on Saturday, March 17, 2018. She was 95 years old. Survivors include her three sons: Mel (Buddy) Austin and his wife Sandy, of Friendswood; Chester Moore and his wife Sheree, of Benbrook; and Terry Moore of Sugarland. Stella also boasts 11 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. Visitation will be held from 6-8pm on Tuesday, March 20, at Heritage Funeral Home in Brady. Services will be held at 10am on Wednesday, March 21, at Heritage Funeral Home in Brady, with burial to follow in the Placid Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her name to Brady Presbyterian Church.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My life is richer for knowing you, Stella. Thank you and your blessed soul. Beverly*

Beverly Baker Moore - March 21, 2018 at 10:44 AM

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“ *My condolences to the family of Mrs. Moore. Stella was a beauty of a lady whom I enjoyed visiting and seeing her precious smile. She will be missed as Heaven has gained a beautiful soul. Until we meet again Mrs. Stella, fly with the angels.*

Rosie Aguirre - March 20, 2018 at 09:57 AM

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“ *Stella was a very gracious lady with a wonderful sense of humor. I have had the privilege of being her pastor. She was always a joy to go and visit. I know she will be missed by many. May her legacy live on through her kind family.*

Rev. Regina Maas - March 19, 2018 at 08:16 PM