



Marlene Parrish

October 9, 1935 - April 25, 2025

Marlene Parrish, age 89 of Corsicana, Texas, passed away peacefully on April 25, 2025. She was born on October 9, 1935, in Kerens, Texas, to Ola Mae and Jester Weathers.

Marlene was a proud graduate of Kerens High School, Class of 1953, where she played basketball, was a member of the drill team, and married her high school sweetheart, Jerry Shelton. Though their paths later parted, she went on to build a strong and inspiring life devoted to her children and family.

She spent her entire life in Navarro County and worked tirelessly to support her family. Over the years, Marlene held many roles—working for the Adams Hat Factory, in advertising for Woolworth and the newspaper, and eventually owning and operating Shelton's of London Square Men's Wear Store. In 1980, she married Don Parrish, and together they embraced a life in the country, where she became a homemaker.

Marlene loved her family deeply. She enjoyed raising racehorses, spending time with her grandchildren, and especially cherished Christmas and large family gatherings. She was a fantastic cook, known for her ability to make just about anything—and for teaching her family to do the same.

She is survived by her sons, Lynn Shelton and wife Jamie, James Shelton,

and Darrell Shelton and wife Cindy; grandchildren Courtney Jenkins and husband David, Jacob Shelton, Jerod Shelton and wife Hayley, John Shelton and wife Mary, Whitney Hill and husband John, Sarah Moore and husband Ethan, Zachery Shelton and wife Alison, and Wilson Shelton; and 11 great-grandchildren and a host of other friends and family members.

She was preceded in death by her husband Don Parrish, her parents, and her sister Chris Westbrook.

Visitation with the family will be held on Sunday, April 27, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Graveside services will follow at 3:15 p.m. at Oakwood Cemetery with Pastor Derek Rogers officiating.

Pallbearers will be Jacob Shelton, Jerod Shelton, Zack Shelton, John Shelton, Wilson Shelton, and Garrett Shelton.

Marlene will be remembered for her strength, devotion, and the love she shared so freely with her family and all who knew her. The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to The Village at Heritage Oaks for their compassion and care, and to the caretakers Erica Simms, Debbie Anderson, and Debora Porch who lovingly took care of Marlene. Your kindness and support meant the world during this time.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

900 North 19Th Street
Corsicana, TX 75110

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 27. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana
1530 N. 45th Street
Corsicana, TX 75110
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Graveside Funeral Service

APR 27. 3:15 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Marlene Parrish*



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - April 26, 2025 at 04:19 PM



“ *This woman made such an impact on our lives, since we were in Fannin til now. Brett and I both loved her so much and looked forward to seeing her in Church where we both received our precious hugs. I have so many precious memories of her to cherish, especially that precious smile :) Her memory will live on in our hearts forever. Sending Love, Hugs and Prayers to you all. Brett, Diane and Family*



DIANE DOUGLAS - April 28, 2025 at 02:16 PM

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“ *My deepest condolences, Lynn, James and Darrell.*

There are not enough stories or pictures to show how many people were positively impacted by your mother's life and love. I am one of them. She was seriously one of a kind, greatly beloved, one who loved passionately.

All of my treasured memories of Marlene, as well as her cherished family, will stay with me forever. Special prayers for each of you, especially her "boys". I love you.

Patti (Unfortunately, I am unable to attend her service. My heart will.)

Patti Cooper - April 27, 2025 at 12:49 PM

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“ *Prayers for your family.*

Patricia kelly - April 26, 2025 at 02:36 PM