



# Jo Juana Houston

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**F**uneral services for Jo Juana Houston, age 71, of Henderson, will be held Wednesday, December 5, at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Rader Funeral Home in Henderson with the Rev. Ricky Ricks officiating. Burial will follow in Neeley Cemetery. Mrs. Houston passed away at Hospice of East Texas on Sunday morning with family at her side. Jo Houston was born August 30, 1941 at the family home in the small community of Good Springs. She had a Master's Degree in Education and dedicated more than 40 years of her life to teaching, including 34 years teaching first grade for Henderson ISD. She was preceded in death by her husband, Glenn Houston, and her parents, Arnold O. and Ruby M. Spence.

She is survived by her son, Paul David Houston and wife Nicole Michelle Houston of Henderson, 2 daughters, Jenee' Lynne Houston of Henderson and Rhonda Leigh Houston of Henderson, two beloved grandchildren, Suzanna Kate Houston and Benjamin Aaron Houston, both of Henderson, a brother, Lloyd Spence of Good Springs, a sister, Edie Hudman of Henderson, her nephew, Randal Hudman of Henderson, her niece, Elise Hudman of Henderson and a grandnephew, Ethan Spence Hudman of Henderson, as well as many other relatives and dear friends. She is also survived by the legacy of education she left behind. She changed the lives of generations of children in the Henderson community who, no matter how tall or grown up they got, would always be "her children" and she would always love and remember them. Jo's sweet spirit has left our lives for now, but it will live on in all of the lives she has touched. It will live on in the hundreds of children that learned to read in her classroom. It will live on in the wonderful friends who will always treasure their memories of her. It will live on in her family, whose hearts ache now with the missing of her, but who will carry her in those hearts lovingly, proudly, and always. Pallbearers for Mrs. Houston will be Clay Freeman, Juan De Dios Jimenez, Blake Pirtle, Landon Clayton, Reagan Clayton, Tommy Strong, Wade Clark and Wesley



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Viriden. Honorary Pallbearers will be Alton Stone and Mario Cavazos.

The family and friends will meet from 5pm -- 7pm Tuesday at the Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice or to Hospice of East Texas 4111 University Drive Tyler, Texas 75701.

A memorial guestbook may be signed online at [www.raderfh.com](http://www.raderfh.com)



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

Jo was a dear special person. She always had a smile and a kind word to say, She was an awesome teacher and a positive influence in the lives of her students! I just recently learned of her passing and regret that I missed her service. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. She will be missed. Love,Brenda Lee###imported-begin##Brenda Lee###imported-end##

December 12 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Even students who were not in her classroom knew Mrs. Houston's room was the one with all the critters! Hannah still remembers at least one hamster eating the curtains and, if I recall correctly, tales of ones prior doing similar acts! Mrs. Houston was such an excellent teacher, and we are blessed to have met her in the classroom - but we loved her outside of it as well and always will. May your dear family have peace that passes understanding at this time and always. Much love and prayers as you mourn this loss and begin to heal.###imported-begin##Sharla Smith###imported-end##

December 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Mrs Rhonda and Family,There is comfort in knowing that your mom is rejoicing in heaven today. Cherish the memories and we will continue to be praying for the entire family in the days, weeks, and months to come.###imported-begin##Cyndi Gregory Tanya's Niece###imported-end##

December 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I am so sorry I could not be with you for visitation or for the funeral, but please know you have been in my thoughts. I miss our "old" Central days!! Much love to you all and you will be in my prayers in the days to come. Leesa Green###imported-begin##Leesa Green###imported-end##

December 4 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

To the family of Mrs. Houston. May God bless you and be with you in your time of sorrow. Mrs. Houston was my first grade teacher 34 yrs ago and my daughter Hayden's teacher as well. She was a blessing to all and touched many children's lives. She will be missed greatly. Cindy McAlister and Hayden Liles###imported-begin##Cindy McAlister###imported-end##

December 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Words can't be said enough about Ms.Jo!And the memories will always be there to remind me of her!###imported-begin##Paul Langley###imported-end##

December 3 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I am so sorry to realize too late who this actually is. I am so sorry Nikki, I had no idea the connection of it being our sweet mother-in-law. I remember her well, and yes the students loved her and she loved them. Please accept our sincere sympathies. love you...Ms. Kathy###imported-begin##Kathy Chapman###imported-end##

December 3 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Words don't seem enough to express the sorrow I feel. I know your lives will always have a void that only a Mom can fill. She filled her 71 years with lots of accomplishments and the greatest ones were the family and friends that loved her. I'll miss hollering "Hey Jo Juana " from across the street.###imported-begin##Tanya Davis###imported-end##

December 3 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Paul & Family, Please know that we are keepingyou all close to our hearts with prayers and thanksgiving for such awonderful mother & grandmother wholoved the Lord. May your hearts andminds know the Peace that passes allunderstanding during this time.Love, Judy & Sam Harris###imported-begin##Judy Harris###imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

HI MY NAME IS KEANNA BARNES AND I WAS A STUDENT OF MRS.HOUSTON IN 2010.I AM GOING TO MISS HER DEARLY.AND I'M SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.##imported-begin##tomeki barnes##imported-end##

December 3 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Houston family,Our thoughts & prayers are with all of you at this difficult time!! We loved your mother very much. She was such a dear person & she touched our family in a special way.Love, Benny & Debbie##imported-begin##Debbie Payne##imported-end##

December 2 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Paul, I'm praying for you as you grieve your mother's loss.##imported-begin##Tom Vandegriff##imported-end##

December 2 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I will always remember Mrs. Houston as the teacher who laid a strong reading foundation for my son Christopher. She made being her room mother so much fun. Every time I would see her, she would always ask about Christopher. She was such a sweet lady and wonderful teacher. She will be missed.##imported-begin##Vanessa Arthus##imported-end##

December 2 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Paul and family, I am so sorry for the loss of your precious mother, she was so special to so many...Praying our Lord comfort for you all.##imported-begin##Sue Ballow##imported-end##

December 1 at 7:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jo by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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