



Anita Rickard

November 25, 1947 - September 27, 2021

Anita Joyce Essary Rickard, 73, passed away September 27, 2021 at Methodist Mansfield Hospital in Mansfield, Texas. Visitation will be held from 5:00 until 7:00pm at Lucas & Blessing Funeral Home, 518 SW Johnson Ave, in Burleson. Funeral services will be held at 10:00am, Saturday, October 2, 2021 at Lucas & Blessing Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Laurel Land Cemetery in Ft. Worth. Click here for a live stream: <https://video.ibm.com/channel/23855904/video/4qcrux>

Anita Joyce Essary Rickard was born November, 25, 1947 in Quanah, Texas to Bud and Anita (Owens) Essary. She grew up in Fort Worth and attended Trimble Tech High School. After high school she began work for Buddies Grocery as a cashier and learned to be a butcher. She also worked as butcher at Junior's Meat Market in Cleburne and Haley's Meats in Crowley. She was involved in Crowley PTA, Texas Municipal Police Wives Association, Crowley Chamber of Commerce, House of Hope, and Cal-Tex Riders Association.

Joyce married Charles "Rick" in 1977 in Crowley, and they were happily married for 44 years. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Kopperl. She enjoyed cooking, spending time with family, volunteering in the community, traveling on the motorcycle with Charles all across the USA including Canada and Alaska, working crossword puzzles, feeding the birds, and spoiling her grandkids, nieces and nephews. She also received lifetime member of PTA and Crowley Chamber of Commerce's Volunteer of the Year. Her proudest achievement was being called Neena.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bud and Anita Essary; sister, Karen Pinkerton; niece, Monda Schoonover; nephew, Dustin Essary; and great-nephew, Joshua Schoonover.

Joyce is survived by her husband, Charles of Crowley; son, David Hoggard and wife, Candace of Kopperl; daughters, Hope Powell and husband, Bill and Beth Trotter and husband, David Trotter of Birch Tree, Missouri; brother, James Essary and wife, Sandy of Burleson; grandchildren, Katy & Phil Utz, Clint & Lindsey Hoggard, Krystal Greer, and Meaghan Trotter; great-grandchildren, Skylar Leonard, Reagan Doggett, Khloe Trotter, and Levi Utz; and many nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Joyce has left a lasting imprint on each of our lives and thank you for coming today to honor her. As we step into a time when her hugs, smiles, and advice are now memories, take

comfort in John 14:1-6. Heaven is her final home and she will be waiting to help welcome us one day as well.

Cemetery

Laurel Land Memorial Park

7100 Crowley Rd.

Fort Worth, TX, 76134

Events

OCT **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Lucas & Blessing Funeral Home

518 SW Johnson Ave, Burleson, TX, US, 76028

OCT **Funeral Service** 10:00AM

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Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Lucas Funeral Home - October 02, 2021 at 11:40 AM



“ Lisa & Chad Bryan (Ben/Nelda's daughter) purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Anita Rickard.



Lisa & Chad Bryan (Ben/Nelda's daughter) - September 30, 2021 at 10:46 AM



“ My late wife, Glenda Harrel, and I were friends of the Rickard's since the days of our daughter was in school in Crowley. We were involved in PTA during those school years and even for a few after after graduation. I can remember times that the ladies would meet for lunch somewhere, eat, and visit. Those visits often lasted several hours, most standing outside by the car for 3-4 hours.

We traveled to State PTA conventions together down in Austin. Being the only man in a car, we had a suburban, with 6-7 women you got to hear a lot of gossip and stories. I was the designated driver. One night after dinner, I took the ladies to the state capital building. We had already had ice cream and after a brief time of driving around in Austin, we by the State Capital Building. It was already after 10:00 before we got there, but they wanted to go inside. The building was open. We were allowed to walk around and then a guard escorted us on a tour. We saw the House of Representatives Chamber and had a great time.

We all participated in the annual “Share the Love in Crowley” at Christmas. This was a blessing for so many families, particularly with small children. Taking the food that had been donated by the school kids, sorting and the filling the sacks of food for delivery. I remember in the early years we loaded the sacks in our cars and delivered it to the homes. Later years the families came by and got the sacks and gifts. These were some of the best times because we were helping our neighbors.

Life took another turn as my wife and I moved down near Cleburne. The ladies weren't together as much but still spent phone calls talking. The friendship got stronger and they began to add other ladies to the group. It was a great healing time for everyone.

Eddy Harrel - September 30, 2021 at 09:25 AM