



## Velma Elaine Howell

September 7, 1941 - May 22, 2025

Our beloved, Velma Elaine Payne Howell, passed away, Thursday, May 22, 2025 in Denton, Texas with her family by her side. Elaine was born to parents, Bert and Opal Fern Tice Payne, September 7, 1941, in McCamey, Texas. She married Ralph Doxsee Howell, March 23, 1957, in Rankin, Texas and they are the proud parents of Terri, Misti, Ralph and David.

She attended Odessa College of Business and was also a graduate of Hazeldon Counseling. Her love of obtaining knowledge and wisdom followed her as Elaine served in various volunteer positions in her children's public schools and scouting programs. She participated as officer in The Petroleum Wives Clubs in England, Spain, Scotland and the United Arab Emirates and was active in her local church, Denton Bible Church and Bible Study Fellowship. Her favored volunteer position was many years of serving as the Director of the Junior High Department at Monahans Baptist Church. Her adventurous personality allowed her to enjoy many experiences including and not limited to bull riding in Spain, hiking the Himalayas and parasailing in Mexico. It was Elaine's love of family, generous spirit and love for her Lord and Savior that was most evident to those around her. She will be missed immensely.

A funeral service honoring Elaine will be held Thursday, 29, 2025 at the Slay Memorial Chapel in Aubrey, Texas at 10:00 AM with the burial to follow at Slay

Bloomfield Jones Cemetery.

Elaine is survived by her husband of 68 years, Ralph; daughter, Misti Reneé; sons, Ralph Darrel and David Michael; four grandchildren; thirteen great grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren; sister, Wilma Faye Adams.

She is preceded in death by her parents; daughter Terri Elaine; brothers, Richard Ray Payne and Robert Lee Payne and her sister, Roberta Jean Payne; and one grandchild.

On-line condolences may be shared at [www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com)

Services are under the direction of Slay Memorial Funeral Center, Aubrey, Texas

# Cemetery Details

## Slay-Bloomfield-Jones Cemetery

Mt Pleasant Rd  
Valley View, TX 76272  
<https://www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com/>

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

**MAY 29.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Slay Memorial Chapel of Aubrey  
400 South Highway 377  
Aubrey, TX 76227  
[info@slaymemorial.com](mailto:info@slaymemorial.com)  
<http://www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com>

## Interment

**MAY 29** (CT)

Slay-Bloomfield-Jones Cemetery  
Mt Pleasant Rd  
Valley View, TX 76272  
<https://www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com/>

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Rest in peace. You will be missed by all!* ”



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**Austin Bruso** - May 27, 2025 at 09:00 PM

KH

“ *Elaine has been my neighbor for over 25 years. My every memory of her is of her kindness and caring for others. Such a wonderful woman and shining example of how we should love and care for others. She will be greatly missed. My prayers go out to her family.* ”

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**Kelly Hall** - May 26, 2025 at 01:24 PM

MI

“ *Every important life memory has my Mama's face in it. From having my babies to 65 years of Christmas celebrations.* ”

*Mama was my greatest inspiration... I always knew I could because she knew I could first.*

*Mama was a woman of deep faith in her Lord and Savior and ever His faithful servant. Her very life proclaimed Him in every breath. Now He has taken her unto Himself and we are bereft in our loss.*

*We praise the Father in our morning. God bless all.*

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**Misti** - May 25, 2025 at 05:12 PM



“ *The Howell Family are the kind of neighbors who are not only friendly but anxious to help should you need some. You could never stand on the front doorstep without Mrs Howell inviting you to come in. Please come in and visit awhile. I could tell she walked the walk and was an inspiration to anyone who crossed her path. Enjoy life everlasting Mrs. Howell...Marilee Weiler*

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**Marilee Weiler** - May 25, 2025 at 11:08 AM

BB

“ *Elaine was my wonderful friend, pray partner, helper and motivator. My close friend and confident. Can't wait to see her joyful spirit in Heaven. Babs*

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**Babs Bates** - May 24, 2025 at 02:15 PM



“ *My grandma was a beautiful woman, inside and out. If there was a child in need, she was there. No questions asked. When I donated my entire Christmas to kids who needed it more than I did, she and my Babs went and me a beautiful Christmas. They believed no child, regardless of the reason, should have an empty tree. She made sure I had plenty of markers, paints, pens, whatever my little artist heart desired. She was at every recital I had. She my artwork wherever it was displayed. She was my first client when I was in hair school. My grandma was one of my biggest supporters and biggest cheerleaders. I never had to question if she was proud of me. She showed me with her actions. I will love and miss her forever.*

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**Jessica Lancaster** - May 24, 2025 at 12:00 PM

KC

*I have been blessed to be a friend of Elaine's for twenty-two precious years. She was such a powerful prayer warrior! Her love and trust in Jesus was #1 in her life to take care of her next loves: her precious family. I took will miss her with and wisdom till we all get to heaven. ❤️*

**Kathy Conduff** - May 24, 2025 at 12:25 PM

JK

*“ She was a dear neighbor. I remember her walking her little dog past my house with determination in her gait. She was on a mission. She will be missed. My prayers are with Ralph and family.*

**Joan Kennedy** - May 23, 2025 at 10:16 PM

JH

*“ Elaine's almost constant warm smile just lit the room. At the very same time her raised eyebrow said yeah I may be sweet but I'm no pushover. One of a kind. Such an understatement to say she will be so sorely missed by her family and all who were lucky enough to have had her in their lives. Jeff & Debbie Hamer*



**Jeff & Debbie Hamer** - May 23, 2025 at 07:02 PM