

# Our Beloved, Mother

*In  
Loving  
Remembrance*



*Mrs. Hilda*

*Martha Neidig*

*Sunrise*

*Sunset*

April 19, 1932 ~ August 19, 2023

*She is clothed in strength and dignity and  
laughs without fear of the future Proverbs 31:25*

**Celebration Service**

**Monday ~ August 28, 2023 ~ 10:00 A.M.**

**First Baptist Church of McDade**

198 El Paso Street  
McDade, Texas 78650

Reverend Hollas Hoffman, Officiant  
Pastor Ronnie Gregory, Eulogist



# *The Legacy of Love*



Mama taught us *the Legacy of Love...*

A wife, a mother, a grandma too,  
This is the legacy we have from you.  
You taught us love and how to fight.  
You gave us strength; you gave us might.  
A stronger person would be hard to find,  
And in your heart, you were always kind.  
You fought for us all in one way or another.  
Not just as a wife not just as a mother.  
For all of us you gave your best,  
Now the time has come for you to rest.  
So go in peace, you've earned your sleep,  
Your love in our hearts, we'll eternally keep.

*The Legacy of Love we learned from Mama...*

*With All Our Love,  
All the Children,  
All Five Generations*



## Mom's Story...

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight,  
I have finished my course, and I have kept the faith. II Timothy 4:6-7

On April 19th, 1932, Hilda Martha Neidig entered this world as the third daughter born to Alma Brown Kastner and Alfred Kastner. The girls were the apple of their dad's eye, they were his pride and joy, but it was often wondered, if the thought of having sons, to help him with the farming and the cattle, ever entered his mind. If it did, there was never a deterrence from teaching his daughters about farm life and all that it entailed. There were cows to be fed and some to be milked, chickens to feed, eggs to gather, gardens to plant and harvest, canning, cooking, caring for the family home, and more. There were long days, and some were harder than others, but the work ethic stuck. For those of you that knew Hilda, she was a hard, hard worker, and never complained about it.

Hilda walked many miles over the years to attend school in McDade. There she completed grades one through eight. With the closing of McDade High School, she and her classmates traveled to Elgin for their High School years. She made new friendships and experienced activities she had not previously had the opportunity to be a part of. A new adventure opened to her, and she loved those years at EHS.

In 1948, at the age of 16, Hilda was crowned the very first McDade Watermelon Festival Teenage Queen. She set the bar in her family for royalty, as her daughter and two of her granddaughters were also crowned queens.

Her sophomore year was especially intriguing and played a very big part in her story. There was a particular young man who had his sights set on her; unbeknownst to him, she too had her sights set on him. While changing classes they met on the stairwell, and he very timidly and quickly passed her a note, which was somewhat warm and moist from his nervous hand. Making certain she was out of his view, she quickly opened the note and read "Will you go with me to the football game on Friday?" Not wasting any time, she quickly approached her parents and received their permission to go. The very next day, without hesitation she marched right up to Richard and told him she would love to go to the football game with him. And so it began... From that moment on, Richard picked Hilda up every Friday evening, in his father's Ford Model A Ford, and off to the games they would go. When football season came to an end, their once-a-week date became encompassed a movie at the Eltex Movie Theater in Elgin.

Hilda's Senior year at EHS was an eventful one as well. During lunch, on the campus under the big oak trees, Richard proposed to Hilda. Without consideration for her future plans to attend college, she accepted. Due to Richard's enlistment in the National Guard and keeping up with their education, their time together was limited. But love and the Lord saw them through it all. After graduating high school, the two were married on June 11, 1950, at the McDade First Baptist Church. They purchased a farm from Hilda's father, which they immediately embarked on fixing up an existing home on the property and began their farming and ranching business. In the years of 1951, 1956, and 1959, they were blessed to become the parents of two boys, Richard Lawrence "Larry," and Terrence Lynn "Terry," and one daughter Kathleen "Kathy." Life for them got even busier. Hilda managed to help with the farming and ranching, taking care of the gardening and canning, cooking, and caring for their home and children. And seemingly did so with ease and never complained. Her entire heart and world revolved around her family. She embraced it all and sealed it with a hug, a kiss, and an "I love you" each and every day.

With farming being a seasonal income for the family, Hilda worked away from home and the farm as well. She worked for the Internal Revenue Service, Stop & Go Incorporated, McDade Independent School District, and later the US Postal Service.

Hilda was conditioned in body and spirit to work hard, to love big, and to give a lot. She truly loved the quaint little town where she was born and raised. She loved her community of people, who all watched out and helped one another, and often worked together hand in hand for the good of the town, and through it all found laughter, love and fellowship with one another. She was a member of numerous organizations which were near and dear to her heart: The Home Demonstration Club, the Garden Club, the McDade Historical Association, and the McDade Watermelon Festival Association. And she always managed to be actively involved in her children's school and 4-H activities as well.

Her strength and vitality were hindered in January of 2021, when she fell at home during a very cold and icy winter. By the grace of God and her history of excellent health and a very strong will she pulled through. A little weaker physically, but as strong as ever in spirit. She entered Towers Nursing Home in Smithville, Texas for rehabilitation. Much improvement was made, but her falls continued and each one took their toll. Hilda departed this world in the very early morning hours of Saturday, August the 19th. In her final hours she was surrounded by her children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and sisters, who all loved her so very much.

Hilda is survived by her three children, Larry Neidig and wife Brooke of McDade, Terry Neidig and wife Debbie of McDade, Kathy Gersch and husband Bryan of Giddings; grandchildren, Sherri Neidig and significant other Jody, Trisha Weaver and husband Andy, Shaun Neidig and wife Katie, Tori Howard and husband Alan, Heath Neidig and significant other Amamda, Major Neidig and wife Robyn, Christine Mittasch and husband Tim, Josh Boriack and wife Melanie, Bethany Lara and husband Abel, Mary Ann Little and significant other Rich, Jerry Little and wife Hailey, Joe Little and wife Lisa, Tony Roberts, Wayne Roberts, Katie Roberts, Shaina Radcliff and husband Ben, Sarah Janda and husband Jacob, Alicia Moreton and Husband Scott; 31 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends.





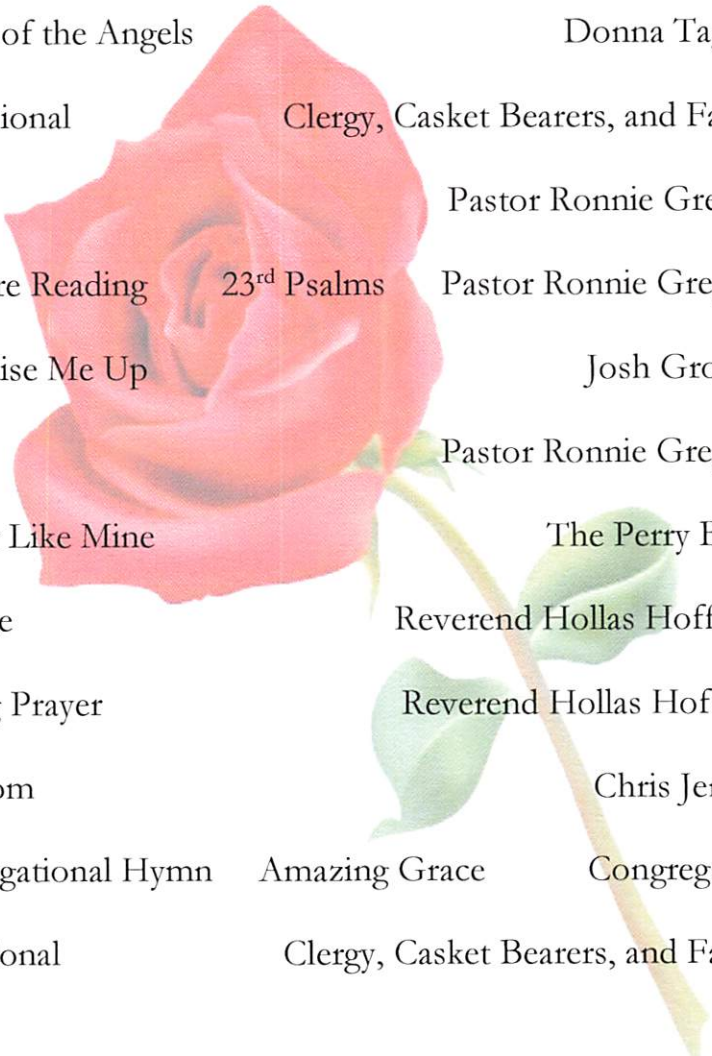
When we think back on these times  
And the dreams we left behind  
We'll be glad because we were blessed to get to have you in our lives  
When we look back on these days, we'll look and see your face  
You were right there for us  
In our hearts there will always be a place for you for all our lives  
We'll keep a part of you with us  
And everywhere we are – there you'll be ...



# Celebration Service



Jealous of the Angels		Donna Taggart
Processional	Clergy, Casket Bearers, and Family	
Prayer		Pastor Ronnie Gregory
Scripture Reading	23 <sup>rd</sup> Psalms	Pastor Ronnie Gregory
You Raise Me Up		Josh Groban
Eulogy		Pastor Ronnie Gregory
Mother Like Mine		The Perry Band
Message		Reverend Hollas Hoffman
Closing Prayer		Reverend Hollas Hoffman
Bye Mom		Chris Jensen
Congregational Hymn	Amazing Grace	Congregation
Recessional	Clergy, Casket Bearers, and Family	





# *Serving with Grace and Honor as Pallbearers*

Heath Neidig  
Josh Boriack  
Major Neidig  
Tony Roberts

Shaun Neidig  
Braydon Irwin  
Dalton Irwin  
Wayne Roberts

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Andrew Weaver  
Andy Weaver  
Alan Howard  
Nathan Howard  
Nicholas Howard  
Hutson Boriack  
LT Neidig  
Mark Neidig

Tim Mittasch  
Tristan Mittasch  
Abel Lara  
Mason Lara  
Caleb Boriack  
Jody Smart  
Optimus Neidig  
Richard Walla

## *Our Heartfelt Appreciation*

The promise of the Holy Spirit to comfort has been the greatest blessing for us during this trying hour, yet, there is no way we could have made it without the second blessing of comfort – you, *our friends, and family.*

Mom would be happy to know you have shared.

### *The Family*

Memorial Contributions can be made, in Hilda Kastner Neidig's Memory, to the McDade Baptist Church.

### *Interment*

#### McDade Cemetery

143 Columbus Street  
McDade, Texas 78650



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*Caring and Compassion from a Family that Cares*

We are deeply mindful of the confidence you have placed in us and we sincerely hope that our services have been satisfactory and comforting to you.

Most Respectfully,

Josh and Jamie Hausladen

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