



## Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Stanford

July 10, 1948 - November 29, 2025

### In Loving Memory of Ann

Ann's story began with a young love that would one day become her lifelong companion. She and Larry were high-school sweethearts, inseparable until life led them down different paths after graduation in 1967. Ann married in 1968 and became the devoted mother of two children: Cindy (Darrell) Benoit and Robby Cole Stanford, who preceded her in death.

As a military wife, Ann traveled the world, raising her children with strength and grace. Eventually she returned home to Texas as a single mother, carrying with her the resilience that defined her life. Unsure of what the future held, she took a brave chance and reached out to Larry. He was living in Shreveport, Louisiana—and he was still single. Without hesitation, Larry packed up his life and moved to Texas in 1982. One year later, in 1983, they were finally married, fulfilling the love story that had begun so many years before.

Ann's family grew with the arrival of three beloved grandchildren—Brian Garland, Christopher (Krystal) Garland, and Katelyn (Daniel) Lawton. Her heart was full again when she became a great-grandmother to two precious boys: Jack Garland, son of Brian, and Knox Lawton, son of Katelyn. They adored their Memaw. Knox loved reading to her, and Jack proudly showed her

his Lego creations. Every Mother's Day, Jack made her a card, and she treasured each and every one.

For more than 25 years, Ann shaped the lives of countless children as a teacher at Clear Lake Montessori School. Her gentle patience and love for young minds made her beloved by students and parents alike. After retiring, she later returned to work at Bright Beginnings Mothers Day Out, giving even more of herself before retiring for good.

Ann loved the simple joys in life—especially her Sonic Cokes. If you went to pick her up, there was no doubt you'd be making a stop, sometimes two.

In 2010, Ann was diagnosed with Huntington's Disease, a devastating and incurable illness. She faced it with courage, dignity, and unwavering love for her family. In the end, it was this disease that took Larry's wife, our mother, Memaw, and grandmother—as Knox lovingly called her—from us.

Ann was deeply loved, cherished by many, and her absence leaves an immeasurable void. Her kindness, warmth, and unshakable spirit will live on in every person she touched.

Mama, this is not goodbye. This is until we meet again.

A celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2026, in Dickinson, TX.