



## Mary Ellon Stroud

December 6, 1925 - June 14, 2018

Mary Ellon “Sissy” Stroud was born Dec. 6, 1925 in Royce City. She died peacefully at home on June 14, 2018 following a short illness. She grew up in Hillsboro and Ferris, graduating from Ferris High School in 1943. A dedicated big sister to her 10 siblings, Mary was the Matriarch of the Birdwell family. Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Bill and Emma Birdwell; stepmother Mabel Birdwell and siblings: Bub Birdwell, Jim Birdwell and Sue Anderson.

After graduating high school, Mary worked for the U.S. Post Office for many years before joining the U.S. Census Bureau where she met James “Jimmy” Stroud. They married Oct. 7, 1960 and had two children together, Doug and Paul. After her marriage, Mary became a devoted housewife and mother, turning her attention to community activities. She was an active member of Northway Christian Church from 1960 to 2000, participating in numerous church activities, including CWF and the annual Church Bazaar for which worked diligently to create one-of-a-kind Christmas ornaments and baked goods.

Mary was an active PTA member, serving as president at Stonewall Jackson Elementary, J.L. Long Middle School and Woodrow Wilson High School while her sons were in school.

Following Jimmy’s death in 1980, Mary continued her career, working for Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) division of the government until her retirement.

Mary married Martin Edwards in 1999. She moved to Terrell at that time and quickly established herself as a vital member of the community, joining Terrell Christian Church, Social Science Club and Terrell Book Club. Mary remained active in CWF, her Sunday School group and other community programs until her health began to fail in 2018. Martin preceded her in death in 2009.

When she wasn't participating in volunteer projects, Mary enjoyed spending time with her family, working in her flower gardens and shopping. She was loved and respected by many throughout Ferris, Dallas, Terrell and across the country. She will be fondly remembered and sorely missed.

Mary leaves to cherish her memory her sons: Doug Stroud and wife, Lori and Paul Stroud and wife, Pam; grandchildren: Jeff, William, Claudia, Brady and Nicole Stroud; great grandchild, Kallie Stroud; siblings: Joel Birdwell, Pat Allen, Debbie Heckathone, Ronny Birdwell, Billy Birdwell, Tim Birdwell and Kim Valdez as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and a host of friends who will continue her legacy of unconditional love.

Funeral service will be at 11:00am, Monday, June 18, 2018 at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel with a private interment to follow at Restland Memorial Park. The family will receive friends 3-6pm, Sunday, June 17, 2018 at Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made in honor of Mary selfless service to the First Christian Church Building Fund, 405 N. Adelaide, Terrell, 75160.

# Cemetery Details

## Restland Memorial Park

13005 Restland Road  
Dallas, TX 75243

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 17. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel  
642 N. Rockwall Ave.  
Terrell, TX 75160

## Funeral Service

JUN 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Ellen Stroud*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



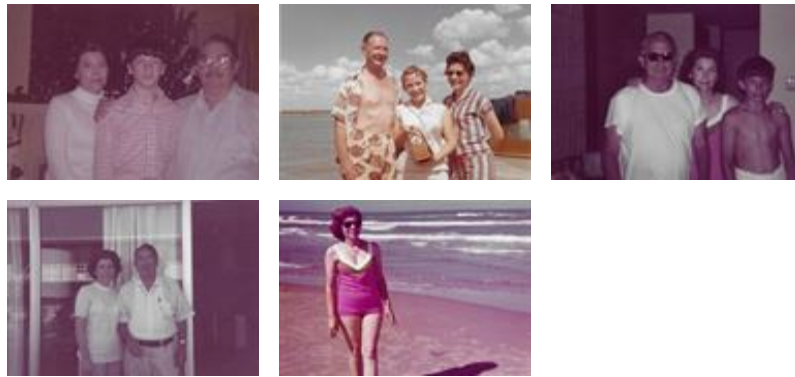
“ *Joint Spectrum Center (Annapolis) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Ellen Stroud.*



**Joint Spectrum Center (Annapolis)** - June 18, 2018 at 04:35 PM



“ *130 files added to the album LifeTributes*



**Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations** - June 17, 2018 at 11:09 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Ellon Stroud.*



June 16, 2018 at 06:05 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Ellon Stroud.*



June 16, 2018 at 11:02 AM



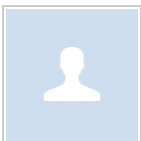
“ *So sorry for your loss. Mary was a sweet woman. She was always so elegant and poised. Tokey and I are praying for you all.*

**Sharlyn Birdwell** - June 15, 2018 at 10:20 PM



Love❤️ Prayers 🙏

**pam carnes** - June 16, 2018 at 04:24 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Ellon Stroud.*



June 15, 2018 at 03:29 PM

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“ When I think of Sissy I always remember the time I spent the night with her at their home on McCommas in Dallas. We talked and talked that night. And when Sissy turned out the light that night we were still talking. One thing lead to another and she started telling me about stocks and bonds. I said, “Sissy I don’t know anything about stocks and bonds.” The next thing I knew it was morning. I apologized to Sissy for falling asleep. She said, “That’s OK baby I knew when I told you I could teach you and you didn’t say anything you had fallen asleep.” Well now you are having the most beautiful sleep there is in heaven. Rest In Peace. Love you. Your baby sister, Kim.

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**Kim Birdwell Valdez** - June 15, 2018 at 10:48 AM

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“ Sissy, you are a great sister who I loved dearly, and will miss always. You were always kind to me, loving, and gave me information throughout my life that has help made the man I'am today. Thank God, for him allowing you to be my sister. When our sister died you took the time to sit down lovingly, and explain what the situation really was, over a period of time I was lost, you help me find myself again, thank you for that. You have raised your sons to be someone you and Jimmy can be very proud of. I will always think of you and bring a smile to my face to reflect my memories and thoughts of just how great a sister you truly are. Love always, your brother Timothy Van Birdwell.

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**Tim Birdwell** - June 15, 2018 at 09:09 AM