



Lula Eugene (Gene) Stroud

July 20, 2022

On Wednesday, July 20, 2022, our beloved mother, Lula Eugene (Gene) Stroud passed away in San Antonio, TX at the age of 91. She was born in Richards, TX on November 19, 1930 to Andy and Martha Williams. Gene's family moved to the Rio Grande Valley when she was 7-years-old, initially settling in San Juan, TX. She and her siblings attended segregated schools for black students in San Juan and Mission, TX before the family moved to McAllen in 1941. Gene graduated from Booker T. Washington School in 1951. Following graduation she married Dave A. Stroud her childhood sweetheart. The couple moved to Lubbock, then Amarillo while Dave served in the U.S. Air Force. In 1964, the couple returned to McAllen where they raised their eight children.

Gene worked for the McAllen Independent School District as a paraprofessional in the Reading Center for fourteen and a half years, and she held a maintenance contract with the U.S. Post Office for thirty-seven years. She never met a stranger and would help anyone in need. In her spare time she enjoyed working in her church, spending time with her family and friends and working in her yard. She never failed to send birthday greetings and Christmas cards to her loved ones. She contributed to the organization of the Booker T. Washington School's permanent exhibit at the McAllen Heritage Center and she spoke at it's opening in 2014. She was awarded the key to the city of McAllen on June 19, 2019 during the 1st Annual Juneteenth Observance and Memorial at Bethel Garden.

Gene is preceded in death by her husband of sixty-five years, Dave A. Stroud, her two sons Bruce H. Stroud and Reynaldo Dewayne Stroud. Her parents Andy and Martha Williams and her nine siblings also preceded her in death. Survivors include her six loving children, Tony V. Stroud, Thelma Flowers (Emil), Lynnette Ardoin, Yvette Moore (Carl), Gilbert R. Stroud and Charlton Byron Stroud. Her nine grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and her nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, August 6, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at Kreidler Funeral Home. Due to the current climate surrounding COVID-19, visitors are asked to wear a facemask/covering.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

Kreidler Funeral Home, Inc.

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<http://www.kreidlerfuneralhome.com/index.html>

Tribute Wall



“ I want to thank Mrs. Stroud for giving me the will to do good at school. Because of her teaching me at Sam Houston Elementary. I decided to go into teaching. I taught for 30 years at Mcallen isd. Thank you so much. Lali Espinoza

Jose Martinez - August 06 at 11:42 PM

ZA

“ My heart goes out to the family during this difficult time. I have known Mrs. Stroud and her family since I was 17 years old. She was a very special lady and she will be missed.

Zulie Apodaca - August 06 at 12:12 PM

TB

“ My sincere condolences go out 2 the Stroud family..I have known the family 4 years..Lynn and I went 2 high school 2gether along with the chapa girls.mrs.stroud was a very gracious lady and always made me laugh..I will miss her very much..from teresa boyd

Teresa Boyd - August 03 at 09:30 PM



“ My prayers and condolences go out to the entire Stroud Family. I was blessed to know the Stroud's as I grew up in the area of Booker-T street in south McAllen. Mrs. Stroud was one of the sweetest ladies you could ever meet. Her husband and family were all so nice to me that I will always cherish memories of my friends the Stroud Family. May she be resting in peace and we ask GOD to comfort the family during this moment of mourning....Matthew 5:4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Ricardo Tamez - August 03 at 06:10 PM

DN

“ Daniel Nava sent a virtual gift in memory of Lula Eugene (Gene) Stroud



Daniel Nava - August 03 at 06:08 PM

CI

“ *The McHi Class of '71/ Bruce's classmates/ send their Sincerest condolences to the Stroud Families...*

Cindy - August 02 at 11:45 AM

BJ

“ *So sad to here. I remember Mrs. Stroud when I was a student at Sam Houston Elementary School (S.16th street.). She was a library aide and always went out of her way to help all students. Very nice lady and friend to my mother after they met at a school function. Mrs. Stroud, may you Rest In Peace. To the Stroud family, my prayers are with you in your time of need. Baldemar Garcia, Jr.*

Baldemar Garcia, Jr. - August 02 at 02:17 AM