



## Frances Anne Skelton

June 19, 1919 - May 18, 2021

Frances Skelton, a lifelong resident of Clarendon, Texas passed away May 18, 2021. After a private burial at Citizens Cemetery conducted by Robertson Funeral Home, services will be held on Saturday, May 22 at 1:30 p.m. at the First Methodist Church in Clarendon with Reverend Stephania Gilkey officiating.

Born to Buel and Eva Sanford on June 19, 1919, Frances joined the First United Methodist Church when she was 13 and continued to be a faithful member throughout her life. She graduated from Clarendon High School in 1936 and attended Clarendon College.

She married Willard H. Skelton on July 30, 1937, and they had three children. He preceded her in death in 2005. In earlier years Frances taught kindergarten and worked for Skelton Candy Company while her husband served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. She lived briefly in San Diego with him, often recounting memories of boarding the train in Amarillo with a toddler and baby to make the sleepless journey to California.

In 1977 Frances and Willard organized the Fellowship Sunday School Class, and in the middle 1990s, that same class recognized Frances and Willard for 50 years of leadership and dedicated service to the church. She served as church secretary for many years and was active in all aspects of her church. Frances was awarded a Lifetime Membership as a charter member of the Clarendon County Club where she was a member of the Ladies Golf Association, was a member of the Les Beaux Arts Club, and was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels, still helping with deliveries when she was 100. In 2005 she received the Saints' Roost Award for lifetime achievement and dedication to the community by the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce.

Frances had a passion for card games and was an avid bridge player her entire adult life. She enjoyed many years on the golf course as a player and as an active tournament volunteer. She had a zest for life and a ready smile for everyone she met. She was first and always a wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great-great grandmother.

Frances was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her sister Pauline Oswalt, and five grandchildren. Survivors include her children Paula Odom (Gene), Sandy Skelton (Diane), and Candy Scarborough (Charles), eight grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren, one great-great grandchild, three nieces, and two great-nieces.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the First Methodist Church in Clarendon, PO Box 157, 79226.

# Cemetery

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## Citizens Cemetery - Clarendon

Texas Highway 70 South

Clarendon, TX, 79226

# Events

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**MAY**

**22**

**Service**

01:30PM

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First United Methodist Church - Clarendon

420 S. Jefferson, Clarendon, TX, US, 79226

# Comments

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“ Sandy, Diane and family,  
I am so saddened by your loss. Frances was one of the most awesome ladies I have ever met! We had the best times playing cards and going to and from the club and I enjoyed every minute with her. I learned quickly not to get distracted playing cards because she would use that to her advantage in a second! Her smile was contagious and she was always so upbeat! I will miss her and the fun we had. My only regret is that I didn't meet her sooner!  
Much Love,  
Sandy Anderberg

**Sandy Anderberg** - May 20 at 09:57 PM

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“ Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of Frances Anne Skelton.



May 20 at 05:39 PM

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“ Thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I have heard your family name through my grandparents and mother all of my life. Paula, my mother is Jackie Estlack Patterson. I know that she would be sending you her love and condolences if she were able. I've heard so many stories about the adventures the two of you shared growing up. She is in a memory care facility in Southlake.....closer to me in Ft Worth. Sending our condolences and love,  
Marcy Patterson Cropper

**Marcy Cropper** - May 20 at 02:17 PM

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“ Rose Impression was purchased for the family of Frances Anne Skelton.



May 20 at 01:25 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Frances Anne Skelton.



May 20 at 08:53 AM

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“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Frances Anne Skelton.



May 19 at 05:49 PM