



Joyce "Jo" Umfress

December 20, 2017

Joyce "Jo" Evelyn Umfress, 82, died on December 20th, 2017, in her home and surrounded by family. She was born July, 8th, 1935, in Dover, Oklahoma, and was a long time resident of Odessa, TX, where she owned and operated Rockhill Therapy Center until her retirement 12 years ago. Jo was mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and aunt to an extended and blended family.

Jo was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Odie Marie Wright, her husband, George "Cotton" Umfress, and her daughter Dawna Autry. She is survived by her daughter Lynda Carlton of Midland, TX; grandchildren: Brandi Moore, KaraLyn and Christopher Viner, Jamie Lee and Bonnie Dail, and Amber Shea Autry; seven great-grandchildren: Kasha Treat, Jacob Moore, Brighton and Reece Windham, Riley and Tesla Moore, and Mason Fonte; and two great-great-granddaughters, as well as being known and claimed as "grandmother" by many.

Jo loved to dance and she and Cotton were regulars at the American Legion on weekends. Many people over the years enjoyed watching them dance together. She also loved working in her yard and traveling. She was full of common sense and logic and had a unique sense of humor, a contagious energy and a warm smile for everyone she met. She always was able to see

the best in everyone. She was hard working, loyal, honest to a fault and generous. The world will be a smaller place without her. She was our rock.

Please join the family for a celebration in memory of Jo on February 10, 2018, at the American Legion, 2701 E 8th St, Odessa, TX at 5:30 pm. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to: American Legion, Earl. S. Bailey Post 430, P.O. Box 1109, Odessa, TX 79760.