



## Mrs. Alta Rae Hughes Craig

May 8, 1931 - November 27, 2018

Funeral services for Mrs. Alta Rae Hughes Craig, 87, of Carthage, Texas will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, November 30, 2018 at the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Matt Comer officiating. Burial will follow in the Shady Grove Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Family visitation will be 6-8:00 p.m. Thursday night at Hawthorn Funeral Home.

Mrs. Alta Rae Hughes Craig was born May 8, 1931 in Shelby County, Texas to the marriage of Marion and Idell Oates Hughes. She passed this life November 27, 2018 in Carthage, Texas. She was raised and attended schools in both Center and DeBerry. Alta worked over 20 years for AT&T as a machine operator. She married Eddie J.R. Craig February 22, 1976 and they celebrated almost 44 years together. Mrs. Craig was a member of the Shady Grove Baptist Church and attended Still Waters Cowboy Church regularly. She loved the outdoors, fishing, hunting, horseback riding and working in the ground growing vegetables, flowers and more. She is preceded in death by her parents, and 12 siblings.

Mrs. Craig is survived by her husband, J.R. Craig of Carthage, daughters, Pat Cole and husband Johnny of Marshall, Renee Lawhorn and husband Dale of Carthage, Jane Barnett Hardee of Carthage, step sons, Eddie Eugene Craig of Austin, Jerry Quinton Craig of Nacogdoches, Samuel Lovess Bently Craig and wife Michelle of Nacogdoches, Shiree Lynn Barton of Nacogdoches, grandchildren, David Cole and wife Sheri of Marshall, Sonya Davis and husband Tator of Carthage, Adrienne Barton and husband Tim of Marshall,

Nikki Lawhorn and Carley Lawhorn both of Carthage, four step grandchildren, Mary Lynn, Amanda, Brandy, and Kevin great grandchildren, Cody Jones and wife Callie, Josh Cole, Zack Barton and wife Megan, Tucker Barton, and Zoe Cole; special nephew and niece, Ted and Cathy Ballard of DeBerry, other nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be, Zack Barton, Tucker Barton, Josh Cole, Cody Jones, Collin Ballard, Jesse Ballard, and Ted Ballard. An online guestbook may be signed at [www.hawthornfuneralhome.com](http://www.hawthornfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Shady Grove Cemetery

145 CR 314  
DeBerry, TX 75639

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home  
307 West Wellington Street, P.O. Box 188  
Carthage, TX

## Service

NOV **30**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel  
307 W Wellington St.  
Carthage, Tx

# Tribute Wall

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“ One of my favorite memories of Aunt Rae is one summer the whole family gathered to harvest the corn crop. Aunt Rae my dad J.C. and some others picked the corn. My mom Opal and some other sisters shucked the corn next set silked then one group I think maybe Aunt Audrey cut and put up in kitchen. We worked all day kids doing whatever the told us to do. It was a fun day because family was together and everyone was so happy. Also I remember spending summers at Aunt Rae when she lived I. The house with breezeway. The girls and I would play office. When I was older I remember one summer we were all at the house on the lake and we went out on the party barge. Mom Aunt Rae Eddie and a few other decided we would get in the water then we could not get back on the barge. Uncle Eddie helped us back in. He said I never hauled in so many fat women ever! We of course laughed at him because he was enjoying al those women!

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**beth aalrers** - November 30, 2018 at 08:42 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Alta Rae Hughes Craig.*



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November 29, 2018 at 08:18 PM



“ 45 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hawthorn Funeral Home - November 29, 2018 at 11:36 AM



“ So very sorry for your loss. We will be thinking of ALL of you and praying for you. Gonna be quite a Christmas for the Hughes "kids" in heaven this year. ❤️ † Lots of memories come to mind today. Rae introduced me to Coca Cola cake! I can just hear Brooksie waiting at "The gate" saying, "Well it took ya long enough, we got food to make for this party!" God's peace to you as you gather together to remember...

With love and sympathy, Steve & Sandy (Krshul) Robine,  
Warrenton, Missouri

Sandy Krshul Robine - November 29, 2018 at 11:33 AM



“ Simply Happy Kalanchoe Plant was purchased for the family of Mrs. Alta Rae Hughes Craig.



November 29, 2018 at 10:12 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Alta Rae Hughes Craig.*



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November 29, 2018 at 07:39 AM



“ *Toni Barton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alta Rae Hughes Craig*



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**Toni Barton** - November 28, 2018 at 11:10 PM



“ *Cat Chanler lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alta Rae Hughes Craig*



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**Cat Chanler** - November 28, 2018 at 10:04 PM



*So sorry for your loss. I have sweet memories of Rae. She was always so gracious and loving. She was an excellent cook and anything she cooked was a special treat. Heaven is indeed is a little more sweeter now. Love to all the family.*

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**Jenny Harlan** - November 29, 2018 at 07:13 AM

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“ *From Bobbie Pate, Janet Carriger & Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Mrs. Alta Rae Hughes Craig.*



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**From Bobbie Pate, Janet Carriger & Family** - November 28, 2018 at 09:35 PM

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“ *PAM WORKS lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Alta Rae Hughes Craig*



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**PAM WORKS** - November 28, 2018 at 02:09 PM