



Mrs. Lenora Cunningham

May 27, 1955 - June 7, 2026

Lenora Jane Cunningham, age 71, went home to be with the Lord, surrounded by the love of her family, around 11:07 pm on Sunday, June 7, 2026.

Born on May 27, 1955 in Pasadena, TX to James Earl Cunningham and Mary Dorcus Graham Cunningham, Lenora was the oldest of three children.

She, along with her siblings, grew up working alongside her father in the family store, The Cunningham Superette in Houston, TX. She graduated from South Houston High School and went on to spend the majority of her adult career doing what she loved to do most, as a certified nursing assistant.

Once she was no longer able to care for her patients due to a back injury, Lenora worked part-time at Denny's and loved socializing and spending time with her customers and would often have family and friends come up and sit in her section just to spend time with her. In her spare time, she loved having fun at the beach with family and going out for Karaoke Nights with Kirk. She spent much of her last few years caring for her youngest grandchild John, as well as multiple beloved pets of the family where she resided in Spring, TX. Lenora is preceded in death by her father and mother, James Earl and Mary Dorcas Cunningham, her stepmother Betty Lou Cunningham, and her youngest brother Carl Cunningham.

She is survived by her beloved partner of 17 years, Kirk Sudduth, her four children; Brandy Lee Bailey and husband Mark Bailey, Valen Lenore Morales and husband Warner Morales, LaDena Martie Bruce and husband Brian

Bruce, and son John Earl Roam; younger brother, John Cunningham and wife Cathy Cunningham, stepbrothers Mark Jones and wife Renee Jones, Ted Jones and wife Jacqueline Jones, and Dewel Higginbotham and wife Lajuan Higginbotham; and her three grandchildren Benjamin Bailey, Emily Hatcher, and John Roam Jr., as well as numerous extended family and friends.

Though our hearts ache for the woman we called mother, sister, friend, we take comfort knowing she is now resting in Eternal glory with her Lord and Savior, and that we will see her again one day.

Graveside services will be held at Deadwood Cemetery Pavilion at 2 pm on Saturday, June 13, 2026 under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Deadwood Cemetery

Deadwood, TX

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

Deadwood Cemetery
730 Co Rd 445
Carthage, TX 75633

Tribute Wall



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Lenora Cunningham



Hawthorn Funeral Home - June 11 at 04:14 PM

WC

“ Lenora was a good and loyal friend. It was fun working her at Dairy Queen when we were in high school. Years later, she was encouraging to me when I was having some personal problems. I will dearly miss her, but I know she's with Lord Jesus now, in happiness and splendor. from Wanda Clouse

Wanda Clouse - June 11 at 12:22 PM

KR

“ Lenora was a member of our dear Family, she was one of a kind, with a beautiful heart. ❤️ Although we were miles apart, she kept in contact updating us on our nephew John and her grandson little John whom she loved dearly. May she rest in peace. 💜 She will be missed by many. 🕊️💚

Karen & Carlo Roam - June 11 at 10:32 AM

KR

“ Karen & Carlo Roam purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Lenora Cunningham.



Karen & Carlo Roam - June 11 at 10:16 AM

VT

“ Lenora was more than a friend to me and my dad. She was a mentor at times sharing her experiences. She was a mother when i needed comfort. She was a teacher when i needed pray she taught me how to pray very simple and God always answered her prayers! Lenora felt like a sister at times when we dressed up or argued with each other. Lenora i will miss you for the rest of my life.

Venus Tingley - June 10 at 02:53 PM

KS

“ Lenora will forever have a special place in my heart. She and I had a terrific time together whether it was riding on my motorcycle, camping, hiking, attending recovery meetings, or just hanging out at the house watching T.V.
Our friends Wayne and Penny Gilmore owned a karaoke company and it was so much fun riding my motorcycle to hang out with them whether it was in South Houston or Liverpool. My buddy Herb threw a lot of karaoke parties as well and we enjoyed his bashes as well.
So many fond memories.
Fly with the eagles my love!! ❤️🌹

Kirk Sudduth - June 10 at 08:11 AM

SC

I loved her and will remember our good times

sue cameron - June 10 at 02:36 PM

SS

“ Shyver Bray and Matt Sumrall purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Lenora Cunningham.



Shyver Bray and Matt Sumrall - June 09 at 09:30 PM

KR

“ Kajsia Reynolds-Beeson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Lenora Cunningham.

Kajsia Reynolds-Beeson - June 09 at 09:19 PM

KR

“ Kajsia Reynolds-Beeson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Lenora Cunningham.



Kajsia Reynolds-Beeson - June 09 at 09:19 PM