

## Carolyn Joy Harper Hutto

Carolyn Joy Harper Hutto, 88, passed away peacefully in her sleep on November 24, 2017 at her home in Sanderson, Texas. Carolyn was born in Del Rio, Texas on April 8, 1929, to Iva Lucy Hord Harper and Carrol E. Harper. She was reared in Del Rio where she attended school. She taught school for awhile but married Calvin C. Hutto of Carta Valley, Texas in Del Rio in March of 1950. To that union was born two sons, Gary Lynn Hutto and Larry Carrol Hutto, born in 1951 and 1952 in Del Rio. They ranched in Val Verde and Terrell Counties and in New Mexico. They made their home in Sanderson for many years.

In later years Carolyn worked for Terrell County as the director of the Terrell County Visitor Center in the original building which once housed the Rancho Grande Bar, and then in the new Visitor Center at 2nd and Oak Street. Even after her recent retirement she still managed to work at the Visitor Center several times a week.

Carolyn and her husband Calvin were faithful supporters of their sons' athletic and school endeavors. As a working ranch wife, she fed many visitors and ranch hands on the Hutto ranches through the years. For the Huttos, the "latch string was always out."

During her years at the Visitor Center she also was a member and supporter of the Sanderson Chamber of Commerce.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her husband, Calvin, her sons, Gary and Larry, and by her daughter-in-law, Marsha Monroe. She was survived by her grandson, Calvin Keith Hutto and his wife of the US military and by granddaughter Lara Kay Johndrow and her husband, and by three great grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at First Presbyterian Church in Sanderson, Texas, on November 29, 2017, with Mr. Kenn Norris officiating. Her wishes were to have her ashes scattered on an area ranch.

