



Juana Price

October 19, 1932 - January 4, 2026

Juana Faye Wagnon Hipkins Price was born October 19, 1932 in Erick, Oklahoma to Frances LaFayette Wagnon and Edna Lorene Cook Wagnon. She departed this world on January 4, 2026.

Juana grew up with three brothers, Marion Carroll, John Albert, and Jimmy Lee Wagnon who preceded her in death.

Juana Faye was married to LeRoy Hipkins on August 23, 1953 and they were married for 33 years before LeRoy passed. Both were dedicated educators. They were blessed with four daughters: Elonda Rene, Belinda Monet, Michele Lene, and Simone Yvette; sons-in-law Rodrick Cameron, Kleve Slouber, Carlan Dodson, Brad Secret, and Michael Thomas. She was preceded in death by her daughter Belinda and sons-in-law Rodrick Cameron, Brad Secret, and Michael Thomas. She is survived by the following grandchildren: Daniel Maurice Cameron, Micah LeRoy Cameron, Chloe Lene Dodson Flores (husband Thomas), Michaela Rose Dodson; Molly Monet Thomas Voutsos (husband Gregory), Madeline Mae Thomas Bianchi (husband Nolan), and Maxwell Michael Thomas; and great grandsons Kyle Andrew Dunne Cameron (Daniel), and Victor Michael Voutsos (Molly & Gregory).

Juana graduated from High School in Tipton, Oklahoma in 1950 and received her Bachelor's degree in Speech and English at Southwestern State College

in 1954. She taught school for many years and retired in 2000. A lifelong educator at heart, Juana's love of teaching extended far beyond the classroom. Whether through Scripture, books, or everyday conversations, she believed in the power of knowledge.

Juana was a member of the Cherry Hill Church of Christ in Joliet, IL and was a devoted Bible scholar and teacher of the Word.

In 1991, Juana was married to Dewey Eugene Price who preceded her in death. She inherited many stepchildren, step-grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Her stepchildren include Mike Price, Debbie Cannon Saban, Jerry Price, Terry Price, David Price, Scott Price and their spouses and children.

Juana is survived by numerous nieces and nephews (Carol Schuster, Rhonda Dimperio, Lisa Johnson, Jennifer Harramon, Robert Wagnon, Lili Pierrepont, Mary Shriver and their spouses and children) and a plethora of devoted friends. Affectionately known to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren as "Gammie", Juana was a steady and loving presence. She was wise, faithful, and deeply committed to her family. She was known for her love of Scripture, thoughtful counsel, and the quiet strength with which she lived her life. Time spent with Gammie was filled with learning, conversation, and the assurance of being deeply loved.

In lieu of flowers, Juana's family requests that donations be made to a nonprofit or foundation of the donor's choice that supports education.

Scriptures Juana loved and lived by are shared below. These scriptures reflect the way Juana lived, grounded in faith, gentle in spirit, and confident in the promises of God.

Psalms 1:1-3 (King James Version)

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Philippians 4:4-9 (NIV)

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 (ESV)

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in

the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.
Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Poem Juana Loved:

If Tomorrow Starts Without Me (David Romano)

If tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me;
I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today,
while thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.
I know how much you care for me, and how much I care for you,
and each time that you think of me I know you'll miss me too;

But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand,
that an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand,
and said my place was ready in heaven far above,
and that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.

But as I turned to walk away, a tear fell from my eye,
for all life, I'd always thought I didn't want to die.
I had so much to live for and so much yet to do.
it seemed almost impossible that I was leaving you.
I thought of all the love we shared and all the fun we had.
If I could relive yesterday, I thought, just for a while,
I'd say goodbye and hug you and maybe see you smile.

But then I fully realized that this could never be,
for emptiness and memories would take the place of me.
And when I thought of worldly things that I'd miss come tomorrow.
I thought of you, and when I did, my heart was filled with sorrow.

But when I walked through Heaven's gates, I felt so much at home.
When God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden throne,
He said, "This is eternity and all I've promised you,
Today your life on earth is past but here it starts anew.
I promise no tomorrow, but today will always last.
and since each day's the same, there's no longing for the past.

But you have been so faithful, so trusting, so true.
Though there were times you did some things you knew you shouldn't do.
And you have been forgiven and now, at last, you're free.
So won't you come and take my hand and share my life with me?"

So if tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart,
for every time you think of me, please know I'm in your heart.

Tribute Wall

PB

“ For several years Juana was a faithful member of the Bible study I led at Town Village, Sterling Heights. She always knew her Bible better than I did and could be counted on to have her "homework" finished.

Phyllis Bourgois - January 08 at 09:12 AM

SB

“ Your mom was a very special friend to my mom and our family. Her smile lit up a room. She will be missed ❤️

Stacie Beach - January 07 at 07:42 AM

DJ

“ Sending prayers, condolences and sympathy to the entire family from the entire faculty and staff of Oakview Jr. High School in New Lenox,IL. This lady was a master, professional educator. I am so pleased she was a member of our team. Dr. Robert K. Jenkins.

Dr.Robert K Jenkins - January 06 at 06:31 PM

SL

Juana was a guiding light in my educational journey. I was a teacher's aide under her guidance at Oakview Junior High School in New Lenox, IL before I moved on to my own third grade classroom at Haven Elementary School.

I knew LeRoy and the girls. They were a close-knit, loving family who welcomed me with no hesitation.

I absolutely loved coming to the Reading Lab at Oakview each day to see what we were going to be doing. I was treated as an equal and we did so many wonderful things with the students.

I was able to direct a play one time. I was thrilled. I'm sure you know that Juana was quite an actress herself! Every day was an adventure for all of us -- in that room, and beyond.

Juana was a brilliant, vibrant, loving, caring, nurturing woman with a sparkle in her eyes.

I wish I could have seen her one last time, but I have a suitcase of memories to last me forever.

God bless all of you girls and your families, along with Juana's extended families and the many people whose lives she has touched throughout her amazing life.

Sherry Frattini Lawson

Sherry Lawson - January 12 at 12:47 AM