



Jo Margaret Pitman

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Warmth, humor and a spark for life are just some of the characteristics that describe Jo Margaret Camp Pitman. She was the family nurse and caretaker as well as the general in charge of all situations. She was full of love and conversation for everyone she met. Henderson, Texas will miss this lovely woman who cared so deeply for her family and friends.

Mrs. Pitman passed away in the early morning hours on Friday, April 10 at her home in Dallas, Texas. Jo Margaret was born November 29, 1925 in Henderson to Maria McLemore Camp and Walter T. Camp, Sr. She joined the First Presbyterian Church on October 20, 1940. Jo Margaret graduated from Henderson High School and attended Kilgore College where she was a member of the famed dance company, the Kilgore Rangerettes. She kept books for Smith's Dress Shop for several years before marrying the love of her life G.T. Pitman of Gilmer, Texas in August 1956. Jo Margaret and G.T. had over 40 wonderful years together. They loved to cook, entertain family and travel the U.S. together. Their kitchen was always open for business especially to their children friends.

Being a fifth-generation Texan, Jo Margaret loved Henderson and its rich history. As a member of the Heritage Society, she worked tirelessly on the restoration of its historic sites: the Howard-Dickinson House and the Depot Museum. She was so proud when their work resulted in the Howard-Dickinson House being given the Texas Historical Medallion and named a Texas Historic Landmark in 1968. She also loved gardening and her yard was always a showcase for her blooming flowers earning her the local Yard of the Week award many times. Her other passion was playing bridge with her girlfriends. She was a member of three bridge clubs in her card-playing prime. One of which was the Friday Club where she cultivated lifelong friendships that she treasured until the end of her life.

Jo Margaret left her home in Henderson late last year to move closer to her children



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and their families in Dallas. She bravely made the move from the town she loved and lived in her entire life. The move allowed her to spend precious time with her family. She was so thankful and happy she was able to make this move. A decision for which her children will always be grateful.

She was preceded in death by her parents Walter and Maria Camp; brother, Walter Camp, Jr. and her sisters, Charlene Camp; Antoinette Camp; Frances Camp Custer and her beloved husband, G. T. Pitman.

She will be deeply missed by her children: son, Tolbert Pitman and his wife, Michele and their two sons, Miles and Wyatt all of Coppell, Texas; daughter, Marianna Pitman Scherrer and her husband Jeff of Dallas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is also survived by her brother Mack Camp and his wife Betty of Lufkin, Texas; her sister-in-law, Mary Davis of Gilmer, Texas.

You are invited to celebrate the life of Jo Margaret Pitman, 83, at her memorial service at 11:00 in the morning this Thursday, April 16 at Rader Funeral Home chapel in Henderson, Texas with the Reverend Ted Foote officiating. The Family will meet and greet friends following the service. For those friends and family members unable to attend the service, please visit the online guest book at www.raderfh.com to send a message to the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Rusk County Heritage Association at P.O. Box 2434 Henderson, Texas 75653 or to the First Presbyterian Church of Henderson



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Aunt Marianna, It was obvious to me even after knowing her only a short while that your mother was a very wonderful person. She seemed to always have a smile for everybody and a conversation to strike up. I love her like a grandmother and will miss her greatly. I'm glad that I knew her, even for a short time. My thoughts and prayers are with you; I hope you're doing okay.##imported-begin##Monica Scherrer##imported-end##

April 18 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Tolbert and Marianna,Your mother was a loving and jovial person. I send my heartfelt sympathy and pray that your treasured memories of her will bring you a smile and comfort in the days to come.##imported-begin##Catherine Castle Wetzel##imported-end##

April 17 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My Dear Marianna, What a lovely and memorable picture of your mother. I want to add this to the many tributes I've read.....Jo Margaret: thank you for giving us Marianna. She is a thoughtful, generous and caring young lady, the love and happiness in my son Jeffrey's life and such a joy to my entire family. We will love her and take good care of her.Marianna and Tolbert: your Mom will always be with you..in your hearts.Love,Anne and Jim##imported-begin##Anne & Jim Mendonca##imported-end##

April 16 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Marianna,So sorry to hear of the passing of your Mom. Please know that you are in our thoughts and we pray that your many wonderful memories bring you comfort in the coming days and weeks.##imported-begin##Dawn Gerry##imported-end##

April 16 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Marianna, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dear mother. Words seem trivial at a time like this, but please know that they are heartfelt. You and your family remain in my prayers. With love and sympathy, Suzy##imported-begin##Suzy Weinstein##imported-end##

April 15 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

TO MRS.PITMAN FAMILY I AM TRULY SORRY ABOUT THE LOSS OF MRS.PITMAN. WHEN I WORKED FOR HER SHE BECAME LIKE A SECOND MOTHER TO ME AND I WILL DEEPLY MISS HERE. YOUR FAMILY WILL CONTINUE TO BE IN MY PRAYERS. SINCERLY RITA DAVIS##imported-begin##RITA DAVIS##imported-end##

April 15 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Marianna and family, So sorry to hear about your precious loss. Please know we are thinking of you and praying for you.##imported-begin##Julie Hicks##imported-end##

April 15 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Tolbert and Family your Mom sounds like a wonderful lady, which she must be since you are such a great guy. She was obviously a good Mom. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I'm so sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Belinda Johnson##imported-end##

April 15 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Words cannot even begin to express our sorrow for your loss. We love and care about you. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Doug, Alison, Chelsea and Sara##imported-begin##The Harris Family##imported-end##

April 15 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

I know the loss of a Mother, and I feel for you both. She was one heck of a woman. We had a lot of laughs and tears through the years. And one thing about old Jo Margaret you never had to worry about what was on her mind, because she would let you know. Her children were her pride and joy, but G.T. was the love of her life. Sorry for your loss. Mary Davis##imported-begin##Mary Davis##imported-end##

April 15 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My prayers are with you Marianna and Tolbert. I will always remember your mom as a woman of grace at our family gatherings. I am so sorry I will not be able to attend the service due to prior commitments. I can just imagine her and Uncle G.T. standing tall above watching over. May God Bless and be with you. ##imported-begin##Jerry Melton##imported-end##

April 15 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My Thoughts and Prayers are with you. The Family of Jo Strong##imported-begin##Jo Strong##imported-end##

April 14 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My prayers are with you Marianna and Tolbert. I will always remember your mom as a woman of grace at our family gatherings. I am so sorry I will not be able to attend the service due to prior commitments. I can just imagine her and GT standing tall above watching over. May God Bless and be with you. ##imported-begin##Larry Melton##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

What a great story of how your mom lived her life. It sounds like she lived a full, rich and happy life, which is something we should all strive for. I remember the stories you used to tell about her when you were in Sales Ed. & Marketing. You often made us laugh. Please know that I am praying for you and your family during this very difficult time. Love you. "May the LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you PEACE." Numbers 24 - 26##imported-begin##Anita Hays##imported-end##

April 14 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Marianna, I am so sorry to hear you've lost your mother. I know how it feels. My thoughts and prayers are with you right now. Lane##imported-begin##Lane Burtz##imported-end##

April 14 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Tolbert and Marianna - This is such a great tribute to your mom. I never saw your mom without a smile on your face. She and GT were always so good to my dad when he worked at Circle Olds./Cadillac. Who has all of the famous Easter pics?? I ran into your mom a few years ago when I was home. She couldn't stop talking about you both. She was so proud of you. You'll be in my thoughts and prayers over the next few weeks. Love to you both! Kelley##imported-begin##Kelley McCarter Copeland##imported-end##

April 14 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Thank you so much for allowing us the opportunity to know Ms. Pitman and share her life. Ms. Pitman was a very special lady and will be deeply missed by us all.##imported-begin##Robin Payne-Bentley Manor##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Marianna and Tolbert,I was so sorry to hear about your Mom. I have many great memories of her and your Dad many years ago. I know you will miss her.Carolyn White Whitwell##imported-begin##Carolyn White Whitwell##imported-end##

April 14 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My sweet Marianna and Tolbert... Who couldn't love your Mother... she was a delight and the most generous, loving soul. The two of you treated her so wonderfully and she adored her family more than life itself. She will be missed.Loving you,Tina Green##imported-begin##Tina A. Green##imported-end##

April 14 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Marianna,I'm so sorry for your loss. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Patty Hulen##imported-end##

April 14 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Tolbert, Marianna and Family,I am so sorry for your loss, you were blessed with a Super Mom...you all are in my prayers in the days ahead.##imported-begin##Cyndy Cates Broadus##imported-end##

April 14 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Marianna,I'm so terribly sorry to hear your news. My heart goes out to you. I hope it brings you comfort to remember that your friends at Mary Kay have you and your family in their thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Courtney Roush##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Sweet Marianna:What a nice tribute to your mom. I know you'll miss her. The fact that she raised such a warm, generous, courageous, thoughtful, FUNNY daughter like you is a testament to the good person I know she must have been. What a wonderful legacy she has in you. I hope the fact that you are loved by so many helps heal your hurting heart. I love you my little friend.##imported-begin##Dora Hilburn##imported-end##

April 14 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Please know that your friends at 1337 Chemical Street are sending prayers and condolences to our dear friends, Michele, Tolbert, Miles and Wyatt. We will keep all in our prayers and thoughts. We regret not being able to attend the service for Jo Margaret. A wonderful life lived with great love for her family and friend, she is a true inspiration to all of us. With deepest sympathy, Cindy, Bill, Eve, Walker, Grant, Jennifer and Mark.##imported-begin##Cynthia Collins##imported-end##

April 14 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Marianna,It sounds like she was just a wonderful mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.Much love,Allyson##imported-begin##Allyson Sellers##imported-end##

April 14 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I will always remember your mother's warm smile and laughter. What a treat it was for me to get to know her. I cannot imagine your pain but know your beautiful memories will one day outweigh the hurt. Although I do not see you guys anymore.. you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Lots of love, Stephen Adair##imported-begin##Stephen Adair##imported-end##

April 14 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My Friend Marianna..My heart is with you during this difficult time. I know your sweet mom will be missed by many. I hope you find peace and comfort with your wonderful memories and knowing how much your friends care.Love ya....Carolyn##imported-begin##Carolyn Dickinson##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Dear Marianna and Tolbert, I sympathize deeply for the loss of your mother. I am so glad that she got to be a part of my life, and I will miss her. I will never in my lifetime forget her spunk and charm. Jo Margaret, I will miss you! Love, Katie Scherrer##imported-begin##Katie Scherrer##imported-end##

April 14 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Marianna and Jeff, Our thoughts are with you today. We continue to pray for you and your families. Lisa, Owen, Jake, John and Jeffrey##imported-begin## Inmon Family##imported-end##

April 14 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Please accept our sincere condolences for the loss of such a wonderful lady. We couldn't have done the Depot without her...and she and GT were two of our favorite folks. Regards to Tolbert and Marianna and their families.##imported-begin##JR and Pud Patterson##imported-end##

April 13 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I loved you.##imported-begin##Barbara Ann Barnes##imported-end##

April 13 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We will miss you.##imported-begin##Jack Barnes##imported-end##

April 13 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Very seldom did I not see your mom smiling or laughing. She loved you, Tolbert and your dad so much - you were her life - she was a great mom and friend. I consider myself blessed to have known her all my life - many, many wonderful memories! You and your families are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you both##imported-begin##Susan Orr##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

I pray for you and your family comfort and peace during this very difficult time. Much love!##imported-begin##Cindy Allen##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Marianna, Though I never met your mother personally, I feel like I knew her through you. The words used to describe her certainly capture the essence of Marianna. Sparkle for life, gift of gab, humor, and the general in charge - great qualities you inherited that will live on through you. I know she's so proud of you and I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Jill Wedding##imported-end##

April 13 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Marianna, how wonderful to have had such a warm and positive fun-loving family nurture you into the ball of contagious energy you are. I am so fortunate to be a part of your life. My thoughts, prayers are with you and your family. Love you.##imported-begin##Marie Swisher##imported-end##

April 13 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Marianna and family, You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. I hope you find comfort in the many friends and family members who hold you near and dear to their hearts. Teresea Rose##imported-begin##Teresea Rose##imported-end##

April 13 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Marianna, Know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Your mother will be missed dearly and by many. Thinking of you, Sara##imported-begin##Sara Friedman##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Marianna and family, Please accept my heartfelt sympathies for your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. Love, Leah###imported-begin##Leah Herrington###imported-end##

April 13 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Marianna-What a beautiful tribute to your mother. I now know where you got your vibrant and full of life personality for which I am grateful! My heart goes out to you during this difficult time. Please know you are in my thoughts. Love, Marti###imported-begin##Marti Zehr-Breedlove###imported-end##

April 13 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Wow! What an amazing lady! I wish I'd had the opportunity to know her. Marianna, through you - I can tell that the best part of her continues on in the lives of each of her children and grandchildren. You and your entire family are in my prayers. May God's love, and the love of your family and friends give you peace during this time. God bless you.###imported-begin##Linda Price###imported-end##

April 13 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Marianna, I can imagine the depth of your loss. I wish for you and your loved ones peace, comfort and the grace of keeping the memory of your wonderful mother alive in your heart. My prayers are with you, Margarita Herbnandez###imported-begin##Margarita Hernandez###imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

###imported-begin##Tommy Strong###imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

##imported-begin##Jo Strong 657 5905##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Marianna I am truly sorry to hear about the loss of your Mom. She certainly sounded like a wonderful lady and how proud she must have been to have a beautiful daughter like yourself. My friend, know that I am thinking of you at this difficult time and that I am sending you my love and prayers. Love Lynda Rose##imported-begin##Lynda Rose##imported-end##

April 13 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Seeing Jo Margaret's picture says it all -one of the most entertaining people that I have ever met. I feel so blessed to have shared some time with her and especially to appreciate her light and charm. Marianna, I know that she only continues to adore you from on high sitting next to G.T. Pittman. My love for you always, yvette##imported-begin##Yvette Franco##imported-end##

April 13 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I treasure all of the wonderful memories and laughs we shared in our hayday. Above all I treasure the friendship we all had together and the way you and G.T. made me feel welcome when I was a newcomer to Henderson. You will be missed more than words can say. All my love to Marianne, with my deepest Sympathies. Dorothy Y Lowe. Mrs. J.D. Johnny Lowe Jr.##imported-begin##Dorothy Y. Lowe##imported-end##

April 12 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I worked for G.T. as a young man, and I recall being treated like family by him and Jo Margaret. They were a loving, caring, sharing family and I recall being invited into their kitchen for excellent food and hospitality. They provided me with a lifetime of great memories, and I am sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Aubrey Hammett##imported-end##

April 12 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Tolbert, I just met your Mom last year at one of Miles' basketball games, and I thought to myself what a very devoted grandmother she was! She was a very sweet lady, and we are very saddened for your family's loss. Marianne Rich, Richard, and Connor##imported-begin##Marianne and Rich Lessner##imported-end##

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jo by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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