



Margaret Lou Graves

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"Nanny" was our constant caregiver - generous, protective and involved. She loved her family, extended families and friends with all of her heart. So much of the good in our lives and within us stems from our beloved mother, Margaret Lou Holder Graves.

Margaret joined the love of her life, Kenneth, on Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 2012; welcoming her home are her son, Kenneth Todd, and her parents, Reece and Marguerite Holder, all of whom predeceased her.

Margaret was born in Coolidge, Texas on November 1, 1935 although she insisted she was a Halloween baby all of her life!. She lived in California as a youngster and moved back to Mart, Texas in the mid-1940s. She graduated from Mart High School, and married her childhood sweetheart Kenneth on March 2, 1953. She graduated with honors from business college in Waco, Texas and she steadfastly supported her husband and children in their educational endeavors at The University of Texas. In 1969, Margaret and Kenneth moved from Waco to Longview to establish the family accounting firm, Kenneth E. Graves & Associates, PC. She managed the office until shortly before her death. She could accomplish more with a single phone call than anyone ever. Margaret was a true adviser, who listened with her heart and an open mind.

She worked as an executive secretary to the President of Success Motivation International, Inc. in Waco and for the Texas Attorney General's office in Austin prior to her move to Longview.

Margaret was recognized as an outstanding Longview businesswoman, in recognition of her involvement in a number of ventures, both locally and in Texas. She was an avid supporter of and volunteer for Junior Achievement, and for many years sponsored a golf tournament in honor of Kenneth, which provided scholarships for college bound students. She established a scholarship in honor of Todd as well that was awarded for many years following his passing.

Margaret loved flowers; she also provided financial support to the Highway 80 Mission, the



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House of Disciples, the Women's Center and Hope Haven. Please honor her memory in the way you feel is best.

Margaret is survived by her children: Shane & LaRonda Graves, Randy & Sharon Graves, and Traci & John Cotton; her grandchildren: Shanna Graves, Brittany Graves, Tiffany Graves, Andrew Cantrell, Kaitlyn Graves, Tricia & Mark Spyhalski, Trey & Maggie Adams, Makenzi Cotton, and Ben Cotton; and her great-grandchild Kyra Spyhalski. She is also survived by her sister, Janet Price, and many beloved nieces, nephews, grand, and great-grandnieces and nephews.

The family wishes to extend a special thanks to those who cared so well for Margaret during her last months: Candi, Sheila, Terri, Visiting Angels, Dr. Shen and Whispering Pines Lodge. We love you Mom, Nanny, dearest one. Thank you for all you were and will be forever in our hearts. You have earned your wings now, fly high and above all, dance!

Visitation will be Sunday November 25 6-8 PM at Rader Funeral Home of Longview. Funeral Services will be held Monday November 26 at 10 AM at Rader Funeral Home of Longview followed by interment at 4 PM at the Mart Cemetery in Mart, Texas.



Tribute Wall

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September 13 at 12:17 PM



Anonymous posted:

Sending our best to all of you. Margaret was a special lady, and will be missed by Steve & I. Much love and respect Steve & Robbin Gullede

November 28 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I was so sorry to hear about Margaret, she will be missed. I enjoyed my 3 years working with her and think of her often. As a friend said, she has graduated to heaven. Love, Jeanette

November 28 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

To the Graves Family, Sam and I are so sorry to hear of your mothers passing. She was a such a wonderful person and so full of energy. It was a pleasure to have known her. May God ease the pain in your hearts.

November 27 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Randy, you and your family are in my family's thoughts and prayers.

November 26 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Randy, Traci and Family, My heart goes out to you as you adjust to the loss of your Mother. I hope and pray that you are reassured that she is finally Home forever ... no longer experiencing the physical pain that we know in this life. With love, Casandra Tompkins Cousin to the late Charlotte Sorensen

November 25 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Love you Margaret. You'll be in my thoughts prayers.

November 25 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Traci, Our prayers and blessing are with you and your loved one's. Margaret seem to be a one of a kind lady gifted by having a beautiful loving heart and soul. Love & God Bless, Sue-Ann, Mark & Renick Hall

November 25 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Shane, Randy and Family So sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. There is no doubt Margaret will be missed and remembered by all that had the pleasure of knowing her, especially myself. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. Mike Boles and Family

November 25 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

To All of Margaret's Family: Al and I wish you peace and many Good memories of Margaret. We are so sorry we could not be there to hug you and let you know we are thinking about you all. Love and Peace Al and Cheryl Devens

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Anonymous posted:

Dear Shane, Randy and Family, We are sorry to read of your mother's death. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you. The Williams Family##imported-begin##Chuck and Winona Williams##imported-end##

November 25 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

It was with considerable sorrow that we learned of the loss of Margaret. We fully recognize that there is little that can be said or done by a friend when one suffers the loss of a loved one. Nevertheless, we want to express our condolences to you and remind you that the "scheme of things" places us all in the position that we must accept the will of a Supreme Being knowing that time and memory will lighten the feeling of emptiness and sorrow. Greta and I will be remembering you in our thoughts and our prayers.##imported-begin##Murray Watson##imported-end##

November 25 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Aunt Margaret was such a loving and thoughtful woman! We are sending our prayers to all of the family. Love, Michael and Amy Griffith##imported-begin##Amy Griffith##imported-end##

November 24 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

To Shane and Margaret's Family, Unfortunately we never met your mom, but, through conversations with her, we quickly realized what a special person she was. We will truly miss her caring and cheerful disposition. What wonderful memories of her that we know you have and will carry in your hearts forever. We share in your loss and send our heartfelt condolences to each of you. We join with you in the celebration of her life.##imported-begin##Judy & James Spriggs##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Shane & Family, My deepest sympathy to you and your family. Margaret was such a special person and I will truly miss talking to her on the phone and always catching up, as we did. She was an incredibly devoted and loyal person to me and always made me feel like family. I will really miss her.##imported-begin##Dickey Shrum##imported-end##

November 24 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Shane, Randy, Traci and family, You can't imagine how much Margaret has meant to Pat and I this past 35 years. What a wonderful Lady she was! There is a song that I thought of when Shane called me and told me about Margaret's home going. It is called "There will be a glad reunion day" and I could not help but think of how many times during my personal talks with Margaret that she told me how much she missed Kenneth. Well, that glad reunion day has just happened. We will miss Margaret very much and our prayers are for the family at this time of loss. God is bigger than all our problems, greater than all our fears and we just have to depend on Him at this time. This is a terrible loss but Margaret leaves behind some great memories for us.##imported-begin##Ted and Pat Ferguson##imported-end##

November 24 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Shane, Randy, Traci, and families, I am so sorry to learn of Margaret's home going. She was a wonderful person. Longview was a better place because of her. My prayers are with you during such a difficult time. Sherry Moore-Molpus##imported-begin##Sherry Moore-Molpus##imported-end##

November 24 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

This great friend of ours for many, many years will be sorely missed. Now she may rest in peace with her beloved Kenneth.##imported-begin##Jack & Sandy Bolls##imported-end##

November 23 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Shane & Family: My deepest sympathy to each and everyone of you. Your Mom, as you know, was a wonderful person. She was always so very kind, helpful, and gracious. May your burdens be lifted with all the beautiful and lasting memories you share. You are in my prayers and God Bless you.##imported-begin##Eddice Skinner##imported-end##

November 23 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

You will be missed immensely, my dear friend. You were an amazing woman with a spirit to match, and it has been my honor to have had you in my life. Much love to you.##imported-begin##Terri Dunn##imported-end##

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