



## Ann Langford

October 11, 1933 - May 21, 2016

Ann Langford, 82, beloved mother, grandmother and friend, entered into eternal peace on May 21, 2016.

Jo Ann Morrow was born October 11, 1933, in Walnut Grove, Texas to Louise Beatrice and Henry Edgar Morrow. She graduated from Whitehouse High School in 1951 and studied music at Tyler Junior College. She was a member of the To-Kalon sorority, now known as Tau Kappa sorority.

She met a young Army man, Denman Bryant Langford, who crooned Frank Sinatra's "That Old Black Magic" to her. She married that young man, who she called "the love of my life" at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church on August 26, 1955.

They were married for 58 years prior to his death in 2013. Their marriage brought four children. She was a lifetime resident of Walnut Grove, leaving only for a few months in 1991 when she lived in Houston, Texas with her husband while he awaited a heart transplant.

Ann was an accomplished musician, playing the piano, organ, steel guitar, the harp and accordion. She taught numerous children and adults how to play the piano, organ and accordion, teaching private lessons in her home. She also taught music at Lon Morris Junior College in Jacksonville, Texas. She played the piano at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church and both piano and organ at First Baptist Church in Whitehouse for most of her adult life. She provided music for numerous weddings and funerals over the years. She read music by sight and delighted her children with her renditions of "The Chattanooga Shoeshine Boy" and "The St. Louis Blues" on piano and "Lady of Spain" on the

accordion.

Ann worked for the U.S. Postal Service in Whitehouse from 1964 – 1980. She also designed and drew over 250 house plans for her husband's clients at Langford Builder's Supply who were seeking to build their dream homes. Her creativity was boundless. She was a wonderful cook, a talented oil painter, and an excellent seamstress. She loved any adventure including taking a turn at parasailing, assisting in landing an airplane and building her own antique car.

Education was very important to Ann and her husband. In addition to educating their four children throughout their college years they fostered and helped educate many other young people who sought educations beyond high school.

The City of Whitehouse honored Ann and Bryant in 2009 by naming them "Mr. and Mrs. Yesteryear" for their years of service to the City and its citizens. Ann's most important endeavors were to be "the best daughter, the best sister, the best wife and best mother I could be". Through these endeavors she excelled and was a mother figure to many people. Proverbs 31:28 perfectly described Ann: "Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her." She remained a beautiful, dignified woman throughout her lifetime. Her father had encouraged her to "always be a lady" which was what she strived to be every day.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Denman Bryant Langford; her mother, Louise Beatrice Miller Morrow; her father, Henry Edgar Morrow; and her sister, Dolly Ethel Morrow.

She is survived by her son, David Bryant Langford of Dallas; her daughters, Dr. Ginga Ann Langford of Dallas, Dr. Teri Elizabeth Langford and Nancy Marie Keeney of Carrollton, and Tulisha Louise Langford Buchanan of Fort Worth; and her grandchildren, Stephen Bryant Buchanan of Austin, and Lillian Ann Elyse Buchanan of Fort Worth.

Funeral Services will be at 1:00 PM on Friday, May 27, 2016, at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Pastors Sherman Mayfield and Bennie Portwood

officiating.

Pallbearers will be Johnny Lewis, Cary Nix, Jessie Rodriguez, Ricky Shubert, Tony Stanley and Christopher Witt.

Honorary pallbearers will be Epifanio Carrillo, Bill Portwood, Kenneth Stanley and Billy Witt.

Burial will follow at Whitehouse Cemetery in Whitehouse under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway on Thursday, May 26, 2016 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

The family requests that memorials be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis TN 38105 or The Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701, or a charity of your choice.

The family wishes to especially thank their cousins Theresa Rains and Sandra Young who lovingly cared for their mother and for them. They would also like to extend special thanks to Betty Stanley of Whitehouse, Kevin DeCloux of Dallas and Steve Larsen of Dallas.

"Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate." Proverbs 31:31.

# Cemetery Details

## Whitehouse Cemetery

401 Memory Lane  
Whitehouse, TX 75791

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 26. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

## Service

MAY 27. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Ann Langford



Stewart Family Funeral Home - May 27, 2016 at 12:57 PM

EL

“ Elizabeth Carroll Lamb lit a candle in memory of Ann Langford



Elizabeth Carroll Lamb - May 27, 2016 at 03:47 PM

EL

*Keeping Teri , Nancy and their family in loving light and peace.*

Elizabeth Carroll Lamb - May 27, 2016 at 03:50 PM

AP

“ Sending my condolences to the Langford family. I first met Ann when we were active in Whitehouse PTA. I got to know her better in the 1980s through her lifelong friend Sue Portwood Underdown Byrum. Ann was a gracious lady. I always enjoyed visiting with her. I'm hoping the weather will allow me to attend the funeral service. All of you are in my prayers.  
Ann Peevy

Ann Peevy - May 26, 2016 at 10:12 PM

DB

“ Dean Byrum purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Ann Langford.



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Dean Byrum - May 26, 2016 at 09:09 PM

LH

“ Dearest Tulisha,  
Thank you for sharing such a beautiful tribute about your precious mother. When I read about her sterling attributes, I understand where you get your grace, elegance, and zeal for life. I want to let you know that I am praying for you during this difficult time in your life. I hope it gives you comfort to know she is dancing at the throne of glory before her Creator and Lord today. Please know I will continue to kneel at the cross in prayer for you during this time of loss, yet great celebration for a life well lived. With deepest sympathy, Lisa Hall

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Lisa Hall - May 26, 2016 at 04:59 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ann Langford.



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May 26, 2016 at 04:28 PM

MR

“ A beautiful lady, a role model, a humble spirit, my best friend, my Adoptive Mom is now in Heaven.

*She taught me a lot of things, she gave me a job and showed me the way to school, she told me to do well, do my best and never quit. She became my adoptive Mom on this Country, and took my husband also to be her “other son”, she also became “Grandma” to my kids... we loved to go visit, to sit on her lap and listen to her singing lullabies, we enjoyed the time we spent with her. I only wish my kids where older so they could remember her as I will.*

*I remember when you tried to show me a computer and told me that I needed to learn about computers. I remember your face when I told you I had an Associate’s degree in Computer language... we laughed almost to tears... I also remember that you taught me how to “properly” fold the fitted sheet, and shared with me your recipes... I remember your name on my resume helped me to get my first Professional job after graduating from UT. I will always remember all the advice you gave me on life, love and finances...*

*We will miss you, we will treasure the memories of you... and most important we will always be thankful for the opportunity God gave us to come meet you and be by your side for the happy moments as well as the hardest hours.*

*Rest in Peace,*

*Our deepest sympathies to the Langford Family.*

*Margarita, Jessie, Yarah, Ethan and Evan Rodriguez*

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Margarita Rodriguez - May 26, 2016 at 02:40 PM

 Laurie  
Dutton

“ Laurie Dutton purchased the *Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum* for the family of Ann Langford.



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**Laurie Dutton** - May 26, 2016 at 01:57 PM

 Laurie  
Dutton

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**Laurie Dutton** - May 26, 2016 at 12:51 PM

 Laurie  
Dutton

*Teri, light and love to you and your family. Ann's now riding with the Angels...*

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**Laurie Dutton** - May 26, 2016 at 12:53 PM

RC

“ Ann credited my dad (Elvis Cooper) with saving her from drowning when she was a kid. Both she and dad always seem to have a special relationship, and so it rub off on the rest of us as well. We kids thought the world of both Ann & Bryant, Gerald and I worked in the lumber yard, Sandra baby sat you kids. Their Love and experiences taught us much.

*The Book of Proverbs is what is known as “wisdom literature.” In Scripture, wisdom is a moral and practical quality: wisdom guides the individual of sound character to make decisions, which are both right and beneficial.*

*In the verses of chapter 31 we find the writer speaking out on marriage, work, poverty, raising children, and a number of other topics that are relevant to everyone’s life.*

*Proverbs are not intended to be understood as promises or divine guarantees. They are general principles: descriptions of how things normally work out in this life not only for the believer but for all human beings. While each of us may experience exceptions to the general principles stated in this Old Testament book, we can still rely on the Proverbs for guidance in living our daily lives. And to me these verses are a description of Ann.*

*We LOVE You, and our prayers and thoughts are with you.*

*Roy & Barbara Cooper*

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**Roy Cooper** - May 26, 2016 at 12:26 PM

DM

“ David Tucker and Javier Marrero purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ann Langford.



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**David Tucker and Javier Marrero** - May 26, 2016 at 10:30 AM

LP

“ Love- Dr. Jamie & Dr. Jen from Philadelphia purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ann Langford.



Love- Dr. Jamie & Dr. Jen from Philadelphia - May 26, 2016 at 10:25 AM

SX

“ Steve, Cindi, Craig, Angela, Joey and families xo purchased the Rays of Light Spray for the family of Ann Langford.



Steve, Cindi, Craig, Angela, Joey and families xo - May 25, 2016 at 10:20 PM

CD

“ CVS Health Medicaid PA dept purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Ann Langford.



CVS Health Medicaid PA dept - May 25, 2016 at 09:44 PM

PW

“ Patrick and Pamela Waters purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ann Langford.



Patrick and Pamela Waters - May 25, 2016 at 07:34 PM

LC

“ Leigh, Fevzi & Liz Caglarsu purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Ann Langford.



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**Leigh, Fevzi & Liz Caglarsu** - May 25, 2016 at 07:34 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ann Langford.



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May 25, 2016 at 07:22 PM

DS

“ Dona and Shirley Story purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Ann Langford.



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**Dona and Shirley Story** - May 25, 2016 at 06:45 PM

LW

“ Lark and Joey Waters purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ann Langford.



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**Lark and Joey Waters** - May 25, 2016 at 03:52 PM

PR

“ *Patty, Jennifer and Raelea purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ann Langford.*



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**Patty, Jennifer and Raelea** - May 25, 2016 at 01:08 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Ann Langford.*



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May 25, 2016 at 12:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ann Langford.*



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May 25, 2016 at 10:34 AM

 Judy Chapman

“ *I took a beautiful picture of she and Ginga back in the fall at one of our Girls Night Out. She was still the beautiful, classy woman that I had known since I was a child. A pillar of Whitehouse Community. She will be missed!*

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**Judy Chapman** - May 25, 2016 at 06:52 AM

GM

“ I saw beautiful Mrs. Ann not too long ago. I'm so glad I gave her a hug then. I remember her playing the piano at church, too. I am so sorry for your loss. I'm glad you have each other to lean on during this time. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Gayla M.** - May 24, 2016 at 09:19 PM

PV

“ Mrs Langford was a part of my life as long as I can remember.. Growing up on Hearon. Growing up with Ginga, Teri and David in Church, School, Hearon St and Whitehouse. I am truly, truly saddened by her passing. I know she was a Godly woman with a strong faith. Though her loss is deeply felt by her family and friends here on Earth. Heaven is rejoicing. Prayers for the entire Langford family.

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**Peggy Villagomez** - May 24, 2016 at 08:09 PM

SK

“ The first thing that comes to my mind is Homemade peach ice cream! The most wonderful thing is whenever I saw Ann or even a picture of Ann was the smile she had in her eyes. If you wear a pair of red tinted sunglasses everything will have a red tint, blue tinted glasses a blue tint and so on. Just imagine the view Ann always had looking through those wonderful smiles.

*Love forever*

*Steve Keeney*

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**Steve Keeney** - May 24, 2016 at 07:53 PM

LC

“ Love, Nancy and Carol purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ann Langford.



Love, Nancy and Carol - May 24, 2016 at 05:19 PM

WR

“ with deepest sympathy and condolences, Edmund Rader purchased the Wings of a Dove Tribute Blanket for the family of Ann Langford.



with deepest sympathy and condolences, Edmund Rader - May 24, 2016 at 01:21 PM

LH

“ Linda, Chuck and Charles Hasley purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Ann Langford.



Linda, Chuck and Charles Hasley - May 24, 2016 at 01:10 PM



“ Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ann Langford.



May 24, 2016 at 10:19 AM

CF

“ My deepest condolences to the Langford family. I had the privilege of knowing this lovely woman, through her daughter, my sister-in-law, Teri Langford. My heart goes out to Teri and the rest of the family for their loss.

Ann was one of those people that you didn't have to know for a long time to realize that she was a very special person and certainly left a lasting impression on me. I know she has passed on some of those qualities to her children and grandchildren. I hope knowing that will help you to realize she will always be with you.

Thoughts and Prayers,

Cindi Fletcher



Cindi Fletcher - May 23, 2016 at 09:38 PM

NN

Thoughts and Prayers goes out to the family loss of Ann she was a very special lady of grace she will b missed but will be within your hearts forever

Nita Nunn - May 24, 2016 at 07:47 PM

YH

What a beautiful tribute to such a beautiful lady. Memories of growing up at First Baptist Whitehouse with this family brings fond memories. May God shroud joy with his comfort and peace as you live out the Landlord legacy.

Yyuvone (Cottrell) Heidelberg - May 24, 2016 at 09:11 PM



So sorry to hear the News. Will keep you in our prayers , David , Ginga, Terri. God bless

Michael Mcelroy - May 24, 2016 at 09:20 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ann Langford.*



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May 23, 2016 at 07:25 PM



“ *Sherry Lumpkin lit a candle in memory of Ann Langford*



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**Sherry Lumpkin** - May 23, 2016 at 06:27 PM



*I remember how excited your mom and my mom were to take their little grandsons on the train ride from Palestine to Rusk. They thought the boys would have so much fun together. Noah fell asleep going there and Stephen fell asleep coming back. So much for them having fun with each other, but boy did JoAnn and my mom, Sue Portwood Underdown, have a great time!! They both had waited a long time to be grandmothers!!*

*Now those best friends, more like sisters, are back together again in heaven.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
Pam Underdown Bounds*

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**Pam Bounds** - May 29, 2016 at 12:04 AM