



Beth Phillips

April 14, 1951 - January 16, 2012

Beth Phillips left this life to join her Heavenly Father on January 16, 2012. She was born in Cleburne, Texas on April 14, 1951, the youngest daughter of Lois and Preston Manley, who predeceased her. She graduated from Petrolia High School and attended Midwestern State University. There she met Stephen whom she married on March 3, 1972. For 40 years, their marriage grew in love, happiness, faith in God and devotion to one another and to their children, Brian and Melissa. Beth will be remembered by her family and a host of friends as a generous, gracious, faithful and talented woman who lived her life wrapped in the love of Jesus. She quickly made lifelong friends in every city in which she lived, following her husband's career. She was an excellent seamstress, making beautiful and cherished quilts. She was also a gifted musician. "I will praise God's name in song"(Psalms 69:30), and that she did. Many were blessed by her beautiful voice and were inspired by her ministry in music. She loved singing and always wanted her music to bring glory to God. Beth's heart was enriched by mission work, just as she enriched the lives of missionaries. While in Charlotte, NC, she organized the annual Missionary Boutique out of her garage so that all-new merchandise was available for missionaries to shop "for free". The missionaries who benefitted from Beth's work reported that they did their best to schedule their trips to Charlotte so they could shop at the "Boutique" and eat in Beth's kitchen! While her ministries were important to her, Beth's main love was her family. She is survived by her husband Stephen of Tyler, son Brian and his wife

Michal and their son Jonathan of Tyler, and daughter Melissa of Shreveport. Her love of being a wife and mother was only matched by her affection for her grandson who knew her as "Mimi". Her family cherishes the memory of her faithful love for them, which was rooted in Jesus' faithful love for her. Beth is also cherished by her sister Pat Knight and husband Rick, sister-in-law Paula Vanpool and her husband Darrell, and her brother-in-law Michael Phillips and his wife Dayna. Her nieces are Heather Bell, Holly Morse, Hannah Truesdale and Torianne Peavier. Great-nephews are Preston, Ethan, Jonah, Evan and Jacob; great-nieces are Erin and Payton. Beth's aunts include Marcille Booth, Mary Drapela, Peggy Elmore and Olien Elmore. Her nephews are listed as pallbearers. In addition, Beth leaves numerous cousins. Beth was a member of the Celebration Sunday School Class at Green Acres Baptist Church, and she attended Bethel Bible Church, both in Tyler. While Beth will be deeply missed and her time here seems too brief, we trust in God's perfect timing and in the knowledge that her journey with her Saviour is just beginning.

Tribute Wall

BO

“ *Furr laez? That's marvelously good to know.*

Bonner - January 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WG

“ *Steve, So sorry to see that Beth had passed away. We know she is in a better place where there is no pain nor suffering. My prayers are with you and the family.*

Willard

Willard Green - January 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *Steve, I cannot express my sadness for you at this time. Beth was a gracious, graceful ,and beautiful person when I knew you both all those years ago. It is clear that she lived her life in that same way. Now ,she graces heaven where you will absolutely,with no doubt , be reunited because Jesus guaranteed that with His resurrection. May the peace that only the Lord Christ can give ,be with you today and may you experience His presence as He stands right beside you through every day.*

Richard McCandless - January 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *It was truly an honor to get to know Beth. Her smile that twinkled in her eyes and her sweet spirit were a blessing to all.*

Dana White - January 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Rick & Pat have kept us up to date with Beth's illness. Please know that I have been praying for Beth and each of you.
I remember being very young and watching the Miss Texas beauty pageant on TV - waiting to see Beth. We tuned in to see her and recall her coming on and saying her name and where she was from. Which says alot since I can't remember what I ate for breakfast today!
My prayer for each of you to find peace and healing.

Renee Pinto - January 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ May God Bless and Keep Everyone in His Loving Arm's during this time of Grieve.
Beth was a very well loved woman and will always have a loving place in our hearts. Kenny will always remember her as a young girl who spent time with him and all the Elmore cousins on the Elmore family farm and remembering all the wonderful times together. May she have all of those wonderful times again in Heaven with all of the loving fmaily members who have gone before her.
Love to all, Ken and Shiela

Ken and Shiela Williams - January 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ As we read the obituary, I could not help but shake my head yes to so many of the comments about Beth! She was indeed a VERY talented person! We were privileged to be in the same church with them for several years and got to hear Beth solo! What a voice! What a great woman! And the best thing is, what an outstanding witness! She lived her faith! We love Beth and Steve and grieve as that is the natural order, but we take comfort because this morning when Steve announced that Beth had died, his words were, "Beth went to be with the Lord, this morning". And that is the greatest tribute of all!

Jay/Janie Cook - January 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Brian,

I did not know your Mom but know you are a wonderful reflection of her and a tribute to her in your thoughts and actions. Please accept my feelings and prayers to lift you in this time of loss and celebration of your Mom's life.

Kim

Kim Mitchell - January 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *Psalm 116:15*

Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of His saints.

I am very sorry for your loss. I will be praying for the services. I know that the Lord will be glorified by them.

Blessings!

Patsy

Patsy O. Foster - January 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *To Brian and your family. I will be praying for all of you for your loss. Having only met your mother on one occasion, I can say y'all were blessed to have such a warm caring sincere mother, wife and grandmother.*

She will be missed. knowing she is with God our Father can be a great source of Peace.

God Bless you all.

Kenn Babin - January 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *Beth was a wonderful person, and I know that Steve and her family will miss her greatly.*

Jerry & Jennifer Phillips - January 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM