



Eileen Frances Branton

July 27, 1946 - August 20, 2024

A Memorial Service for Eileen Frances Branton, 78, of Tyler will be held Saturday, August 31, 2024, at 10 a.m. with visitation starting at 9 a.m. The visitation and service will be at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, Tyler, TX with Pastor Andy Fauss.

Eileen passed away Tuesday, August 20, 2024, in Tyler, TX. She was born on July 27, 1946, in Alexandria, LA and was the only child of Willie Wade Mercer and Alice Ruth Mercer. Eileen was a member of New Covenant Church and Vineyard Church, in Tyler, TX.

Upon completing Pineville High School, in Pineville, LA she went on to attend and graduate from Louisiana Tech University with a degree in Education. It was at this time in her life that she met her future husband, Jerome Branton. She worked as a teacher and then as a License Vocational Nurse. She finished out her years working as an assistant for Dr. John Scott, DDS. Jerome, Eileen, and their family often traveled to exciting places during their time together, making memories to last a lifetime.

Eileen was known for her hospitality, generous, and gentle nature. She provided a relaxed atmosphere in her home for numerous bible studies, church gatherings, baby showers, pool parties, and Sunday lunches. Her caring personality extended well beyond her own family. She had the gift to lift

the spirits of others through hand-written cards and letters.

Eileen was preceded in death by her cherished husband of 54 years, Jerome; her father Willie Wade Mercer and mother Alice Ruth Mercer. Left to cherish her memory is her son Christopher Branton; daughters Amie (Ray) Newman and Ashley (Joey) Thigpen all of Tyler, TX; and four grandsons Julian, Sebastian, Branton, and Tristan; sister-in-law Janice Branton Cooley (Ken) and brother-in-law Jeff Atkins, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 31. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

AUG 31. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Eileen Frances Branton



Stewart Family Funeral Home - August 28, 2024 at 07:21 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Eileen Frances Branton.



August 30, 2024 at 11:19 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eileen Frances Branton.



August 28, 2024 at 06:48 PM



“ Sharonda & Aja planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eileen Frances Branton.

Sharonda & Aja - August 28, 2024 at 06:48 PM



“ 82 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - August 28, 2024 at 03:15 PM

FZ

“ From Zeke and Nona Zeiler purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Eileen Frances Branton.



From Zeke and Nona Zeiler - August 28, 2024 at 02:02 PM

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From Zeke and Nona Zeiler - August 28, 2024 at 02:02 PM

IF

“ Ivy Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Eileen Frances Branton.



Ivy Family - August 23, 2024 at 01:24 PM

AF

“ Audrie Francis purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Eileen Frances Branton.



Audrie Francis - August 23, 2024 at 12:17 PM

DE

“ I have been so blessed to know Eileen for most of my life.. I loved especially how her smile would crinkle her eyes up. She loved her family and the Lord. She laughed easily but also had a tender heart. It was a joy to see her persevere after Jerome died. She felt she was left to continue to show the love of Christ to her beloved kids and grandkids. I look forward to see her in Christ's presence, whole and hopefully still with eyes that crinkle.

donna edinger - August 22, 2024 at 08:18 PM

AN

Thank you!!! ❤️

Amie Newman - August 23, 2024 at 10:55 AM

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Thank you!!❤️

Amie Newman - August 23, 2024 at 10:56 AM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Eileen Frances Branton.*



August 22, 2024 at 12:55 PM



“ *Eileen (Mercer) and I first met as college roommates in the Fall of 1964 at Louisiana Polytechnic Institute (now known as Louisiana Tech University) and remained chosen "sisters" for sixty years. I witnessed her having her first date with a guy named Jerome Branton and their marriage, and the subsequent birth of her beloved children, Christopher, Amie, and Ashley and the birth of her grandchildren, whom she adored. We knew the very heart, mind and soul of each other. We shared everything together and I do mean EVERYTHING!!! There are countless stories I could tell of our journey together but for the lack of space here. We used to laugh about the fact that we would end up two old ladies in our rocking chairs on the porch of the nursing home. Sadly Eileen was unable to wait for that experience. She has joined her beloved Jerome and my beloved Bob as they wait patiently for the time that I will complete the foursome, once again. I share with the entire family the sadness of the loss of this very beautiful and unique woman. I will miss her handwritten letters, sent on a regular schedule. That girl never could bring herself into the 21st century! She hated modern technology with all her heart. 😊 I will miss my precious little sister until our Lord and Savior takes me home too.*

Mary Lynn Hegdahl - August 22, 2024 at 10:25 AM



Thank you!!❤️

Amie Newman - August 23, 2024 at 10:58 AM

JC

The first time Jerome brought Eileen home for the weekend from college, I knew I had a sister and it was such a wonderful day when we found out Jerome asked Eileen to marry him. I had a real sister! The years have been filled with up and downs but the love I have for Eileen never stopped. We both had children about the same time, so they were close in age. Eileen and I enjoyed shopping for them and dressing them in the cutest outfits, then the kids grew up. LOLLOL I will miss Eileen a lot; her handwritten notes, her thank you notes for me sending her a Birthday card. I always loved that. We have gone through some difficult times as a family but I will never forget her love for Jesus. She prayed for us and always prayed for her children and grandchildren. A lovely and wonderful woman. She will be missed.

Janice Branton Cooley - August 25, 2024 at 02:04 PM

ML

“*Mary L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eileen Frances Branton.*

Mary L. - August 21, 2024 at 04:18 PM