



## Ellen Lourene Pigg

August 1, 1938 - July 8, 2024

Ellen Lourene Pigg, 85, of Tyler, Texas passed away peacefully on July 8, 2024. Lourene was born on August 1, 1938, to Harold and Christine Gorman in Rankin, Texas and was the oldest of four children. Lourene and her family grew up picking cotton in Ellis County. She was an all-star athlete in high school and was the 1956 valedictorian of her graduating class.

Lourene was incredibly well-educated and received not one, but two master's degrees. She met her husband, Harold, while commuting in a carpool to work in downtown Dallas. They were married on August 25, 1961. Lourene and Harold welcomed their first child, Michelle, in October of 1964 and then a second child, Alan, in April of 1969.

She started her career as a business teacher at Justin F. Kimball High School in Dallas and then transitioned to DeSoto ISD where she spent 41 years dedicating her life to teaching and counseling. After "retiring" she continued to work with her church, Colonial Hills Baptist Church, as the librarian and sold Avon on the side.

Lourene and Harold moved from DeSoto to Tyler in 2010 to be closer to their children and grandchildren. They immediately became active in the community and at their home church of Southside Baptist Church.

Lourene was known for being a “Queen Bee,” whether that was at her retirement community of Meadow Lake, among her friend group, or at church. Her love for reading was evident in the libraries she established and continued to run at her churches and at Meadow Lake Senior Living Community. She hosted summer reading clubs for children in the church libraries, hoping to instill in them the same love she had for books.

Lourene was known for her generous heart, loving smile, and her cooking. Whether it was praline bacon, chocolate pie, angel biscuits, elegant chicken, ginger crackles, Italian Creme cake, deviled eggs, or spiced tea at Christmas, she knew how to cook, and everyone loved her food and benefited from it.

Lourene did not know when to “stop, “rest” or how to say “no.” She was incredibly active at Meadow Lake, in her church, selling Avon, hosting parties, running a prayer ministry, and spending time with her family. She was very supportive of everything her children or grandchildren were doing, whether that was attending their plays, baseball games, or financially supporting the ministries they were passionate about. Lourene adored all of her grandchildren and spoke about them to whomever would listen.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Christine Gorman, her husband of 49 years, Harold Wayne Pigg, and her brother, Jesse “Sonny” Gorman. Lourene is survived by her daughter, Michelle (Bruce), son, Alan (Melanie), and five grandchildren, Elissa, Bret, Gregory, Madeline, and Austin. She is also survived by her sister, Beverly Brown, and brother, Randall Gorman, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation is scheduled from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 11, 2024, at Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler, Texas. A Celebration of Life Service with Dr. Mark Price officiating will be held on Friday, July 12, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel of Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler, Texas. A private

family graveside service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you would donate to Hospice of East Texas or Christian Homes & Family Services.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 11. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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

## Memorial Service

JUL 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

Green Acres Baptist Church  
1607 Troup Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75701

# Tribute Wall

DS

“ We’ve only just read about Lourene passing. She was one of the best people we knew in the dental practice and we loved her visits! We always enjoyed talking about both our granddaughters being named Madeline. Lourene’s legacy will not be forgotten.

Dr and Ms Dennis Stansbury - July 14, 2024 at 09:47 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Ellen Lourene Pigg.



July 12, 2024 at 01:19 PM

SB

“ Ms.Pigg was the first resident that I met when I was hired as the HR Director for Meadow Lake. We had a very small crew when we were getting started and Ms. Pigg opened her house to us for Thanksgiving and Christmas prior to our opening. She was the sweetest and most genuine person I ever met. She will be missed.  
Sheri Barnes

Sheri Barnes - July 12, 2024 at 08:28 AM

DG

“ *Lorene has been a close friend for many years. She was always happy, positive and interesting conversationalist. She dedicated many hours to Meadow Lake library and assisted many customers in their research. She was a wonderful person and contributed to making this world a better place.*  
*To me it is a loss of a very close friend. Dr. H. Donald Garrison*

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**Dr. Don Garrison** - July 11, 2024 at 09:06 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ellen Lourene Pigg.*



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July 11, 2024 at 12:02 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Ellen Lourene Pigg.*



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July 10, 2024 at 03:59 PM

SP

“ *One of my dearest friends, always so kind. I owe my job at DeSoto to her. So sorry I am unable to attend. I have cataract surgery 🥰*

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**Susan Pugh** - July 10, 2024 at 02:29 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ellen Lourene Pigg.*



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July 10, 2024 at 01:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ellen Lourene Pigg.*



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July 09, 2024 at 09:23 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Ellen Lourene Pigg.*



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July 09, 2024 at 08:33 PM