



Jennifer Ann Ekers

April 10, 1955 - October 23, 2020

Memorial services for Jennifer Ann Ekers, 65, of Tyler will be held on Saturday, October 31, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Sam DeVille officiating under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Ms. Ekers passed away very unexpectedly Friday, October 23, 2020 in Tyler. She was born April 10, 1955 in Tyler to Dewey Joe McGuire and Mary Ann Hawkins McGuire. Jennifer asked Jesus to be her Savior as a young girl, and her unwavering faith in Him gave her a hope and confidence that she was ready whenever He called her Home. She often talked about her beloved relatives that had gone on before her that she longed to see.

She graduated from John Tyler High School in 1973 where she was voted Miss John Tyler. She attended TJC from 1973-1974 where she was a member of Harmony & Understanding. She then graduated from Baylor University in 1976 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. She was employed by East Texas Medical Center from 1977-1996 and held the positions of Hematology Supervisor, Assistant Director of Laboratory Services and ultimately Director of Outpatient Laboratory Services at DRL. She then worked in medical sales and most recently was founder and managing partner of Decks at Best.

Jennifer loved to travel. Her favorite place was enjoying the beach in Destin, Florida with her family. She loved the outdoors and enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, & golfing. She was an amazing cook and many were blessed by her bringing them a meal or enjoying her meals and fellowship in her home. She loved her family and friends deeply and well, and she will be sorely missed.

Jennifer was preceded in death by her brother, Tim McGuire, in 2003 and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She is survived by her loving family including daughter & son-in-law, Erin & Chris Thiem; granddaughter, Mary Madelyn Thiem; her parents, Ann & Joe McGuire; sister & brother-in-law, Michelle & Scott Chesley; niece, Claire Chesley & nephew, Cade Chesley; and long-time friend, Lavonda Tidmore.

Honorary pallbearers will be Chris Thiem, Scott Chesley, Cade Chesley, Don Hawkins, Sans Hawkins, David Roach, Dave McGuire, George McGuire, Joe Allen McGuire, Kevin Ferrier & John R. Paine.

Visitation is scheduled from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 31, 2020 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

Jennifer was diagnosed with Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus in 2015, which greatly affected the last few years of her life. If desired, memorials may be made to the Hydrocephalus Association, Development Office, 4340 East West Highway, #905, Bethesda, MD 20814-4447.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **31**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jennifer Ann Ekers



Stewart Family Funeral Home - October 30, 2020 at 06:36 PM

SW

“ I love Jennifer.
We never had many classes together at JT. We never socialized together much away from church activities. I didn't go to Baylor. And, I never moved back to Tyler after college. But, every single time I was in Tyler and we ran into each other, we had the best time together. She was interested, really interested in where my life had taken me. And, her life was different than she'd imagined, as well. The last time we were together, she bought me lunch, made me laugh, laughed at me AND neither of us ever minced one word or hid one opinion. We left each other hugging and laughing, feeling blessed for the parents God gave us and the moments in our lives that we had shared.
I can still see that sideways smile (smirk) and I know she's feeling no pain or sorrow or regret now. We'll sit and visit again one day.
With love,
Susan Holcomb Wood

Susan Wood - November 06, 2020 at 04:23 PM



“ 85 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - October 30, 2020 at 06:35 PM

TC

“ *The Disciples and Dayspring Sunday School classes purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jennifer Ann Ekers.*



The Disciples and Dayspring Sunday School classes -
October 30, 2020 at 12:09 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jennifer Ann Ekers.*



October 29, 2020 at 09:30 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Jennifer Ann Ekers.



October 29, 2020 at 07:41 PM



“ Larry And Marianne Pierson lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Ann Ekers



Larry and Marianne Pierson - October 29, 2020 at 07:22 PM



“ Stan and Barbara Allred purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Jennifer Ann Ekers.



Stan and Barbara Allred - October 29, 2020 at 12:31 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Jennifer Ann Ekers.



October 29, 2020 at 10:02 AM



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



October 28, 2020 at 12:32 PM



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



October 28, 2020 at 12:14 PM



“ *Cheeseboard Complete was purchased for the family of Jennifer Ann Ekers.*



October 27, 2020 at 05:22 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Jennifer Ann Ekers.*



October 27, 2020 at 03:37 PM

CC

“ We are deeply saddened of hearing about Jennifer.

She was a good friend to us and will be missed so much. We are in Arkansas on vacation and can't be there for her memorial.

This saddens us greatly! Prayers for her family at this time. 🙏❤️



Carleta Cates - October 27, 2020 at 02:25 PM

CM

Dan and Claudette McNew send our condolences to the family as a extended family members.

claudette and Dr. Dan McNew - October 27, 2020 at 10:41 PM

AM

“ *I am shocked at this news and know you are so grieved. I taught in her Sunday School and she was one of the special ones and always a delight. I was so happy when I connected with her on facebook. She blessed your life as she did mine and my prayers are with you and her daughter*

Arylis Milligan

Arylis Milligan - October 27, 2020 at 01:13 AM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Jennifer Ann Ekers.*



October 26, 2020 at 09:45 PM

AH

“ Joe and Ann,
I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of your daughter. My prayers
are with you.
Aymon Hall

Aymon Hall - October 26, 2020 at 08:51 PM

MO

Sorry for your loss Ann and joe

milt oppen - October 26, 2020 at 09:05 PM

SP

God bless you all! Prayers in this time of grief!

Sue Bickerdike Phillips - October 26, 2020 at 10:25 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the
family of Jennifer Ann Ekers.



October 26, 2020 at 07:18 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Jennifer Ann Ekers.



October 26, 2020 at 06:19 PM

SL

“ Joe & Ann,
Your Jennifer was so special to me in so many ways. I have great memories of our years growing up on Wayne Ave. Most of my life I really thought the McGuires and Morgans were blood relatives. Better yet, we were family by CHOICE.
I love you both dearly and pray you can feel God's arms holding you as you go through this difficult time.
Suzanne

Suzanne Loudamy - October 26, 2020 at 04:39 PM

LS

Joe and Ann, our hearts are broken for you. We learned last night of Jennifer's going to be with her Heavenly Father. We were shocked and so devastated for you. We have so many wonderful memories of you all for so many years. We love you and admire you more than you can ever know.
Linda and Sid

Linda and Sid - October 27, 2020 at 01:59 AM

SL

“ Sweet Erin,
From the day I was born, Jen was like a big sister. As we grew up together, I wanted to be just like her. We shared lots of things throughout the years. We even shared 8 of a special 9 months. You and Bethany were born just one month apart. It was another bond we shared.
She loved you more than you will ever know and like you said, being Maddie's Mimi was her best title ever!
I love you sweetheart and am here anytime, anywhere.

Suzanne Loudamy - October 26, 2020 at 04:35 PM

DC

“ Joe, Ann and family. I am devastated over hearing of your loss of Jennifer. Your family were always special to me and J. B. We watched Jennifer grow into a beautiful young lady. Many years have gone by and I live in McKinney since J B. passed away in 2005. I have missed you and cherish the memories of knowing you and your family. I pray for God's Blessings on all of you during this difficult time.

Love, Dorothy Cooper

Dorothy Cooper - October 25, 2020 at 08:22 PM

AL

“ My deepest condolences to Jennifer's family. I have such great memories of Jennifer. My prayers

Alice Lipscomb - October 24, 2020 at 04:32 PM