



## Joan Shaver Muller

November 26, 1942 - July 31, 2020

Joan Shaver Muller joined her Lord and Savior in Heaven on Friday, July 31, 2020. Family visitation will be from 5 – 7 p.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler, Texas, on Thursday, August 6, 2020. Private family graveside services at will be held at Rose Hill Cemetery in Tyler. A memorial service, celebrating Joan's life, is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Friday, August 7, 2020, at Marvin United Methodist Church in Tyler. It will be live streamed on Marvin Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/Marvin.UMC/live>.

Joan was born on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 1942, to Edward Braxton Shaver, Jr. and Magga Faye Yarbrough Shaver, in Knox City, Texas. She graduated from Knox City High School in 1961, where she excelled academically and participated in basketball, band, and track. While growing up in Knox City, Joan was surrounded by a closely knit group of extended family. She always held close to her heart her childhood memories and the values she learned in rural West Texas. As a child, Joan spent much of her time with her parents, brother, grandparents, and cousins, and continued to nurture and cherish those relationships throughout her adult life. Throughout her retirement, Joan enjoyed researching her family's history and writing about her family memories

Joan attended McMurray College, in Abilene, Texas where she graduated in 1965 with a B. A. in English. In addition to her academic accomplishments,

Joan was involved in many extra-curricular activities at McMurray. She was president of the Delta Beta Epsilon sorority and held officer positions in Kappa Delta Pi, the Student Education Association, and the Inter-Club Council. She was also a member of Alpha Chi. After graduating from McMurray, Joan went on to Lubbock to attend Texas Technological College (TTC) (now Texas Tech University), where she received a Master of Arts in English.

After graduating from TTC, Joan took a job teaching English composition at Amarillo College, in Amarillo, Texas. Shortly thereafter, Joan was invited by some of her friends to join them for blind dates with three Air Force officers. One of the officers that evening was Captain John Muller whom she would marry in August of 1968. The couple eventually moved to Austin, where Joan taught English at Reagan High School. While in Austin, a daughter (Annika) and a son (Edward) were born to the couple. Joan worked on several political campaigns during her time in Austin. She enjoyed following politics and always loved a good political debate! Shortly, after their son's birth, the family moved to Beaumont, Texas. There, Joan devoted much of her time to raising her two young children, she was an active volunteer for the Beaumont Art Museum, and an active member of several women's clubs.

During a trip to San Francisco, Joan was introduced to a fashion consultant, and Joan's latent interest in fashion was aroused. Her organizational talent led her to become the national sales director for Strategic Imaging, and she promoted various events and groups throughout the nation. Joan enjoyed the challenge of the public relations aspect of her work, and equally treasured the friendships made and the opportunity to travel throughout the United States.

In 1979, the family moved to Tyler and Joan continued in her role at Strategic Imaging. As her children approached high school graduation, Joan was offered an opportunity to teach English composition and English literature at Tyler Junior College. While teaching full-time at TJC, Joan served as a

member on several boards and committees until her retirement in 2004. Joan was always active in the Tyler community. She was a member of the Women's Symphony League, Tyler Museum of Art, The Tyler Garden Club, Mildred Floyd Garden Club, and Criterion Club. Her involvement in these organizations provided her with many lifelong and lasting friendships.

Joan loved people and she loved life. She was a person who personified grace, elegance, and class. She adored a beautiful West Texas sunset and looked forward to the Texas wildflowers in the spring. The hymn Amazing Grace always touched her when sung in church. She loved to have dinner parties and entertain friends and family in her home. She was always excited to travel and see new places. Additionally, she truly had a gift for making those around her feel welcomed, loved, and important. Some of her favorite memories were of taking her elderly mother on her first trips to New York, San Francisco, and Europe. It always meant so much for Joan to see her mother so happy! Joan also cherished spending time with her young granddaughters.

Joan was predeceased by her beloved parents. Survivors include her devoted husband, John of Tyler; daughter, Annika and Brent Conaway of Tyler; son, Edward and Laurin Muller of The Woodlands, Texas; granddaughters, Annelise and Christine Conaway of Tyler, and Katherine and Alexandra Muller of The Woodlands; brother, Brack and D'Anna Shaver of North Richland Hills, Texas; and brother-in-law Miles and Suzanna Muller of Staples, Texas; plus a very special niece, nephews, cousins, and many dear friends and neighbors.

The family wishes to thank Joan's special caregivers Pat Hill and Lisa Madison. Their love and caring expertise were invaluable during our separation from Joan, due to the coronavirus pandemic. We also wish to thank the wonderful nurses and staff at Heart to Heart Hospice and Meadow Lake Memory Care. Our family is grateful for your heartfelt work.

If desired, please send memorials to Alzheimer's Alliance of NE Texas, Inc. 211 Winchester Dr., Tyler, Texas 75701; Tyler Junior College Foundation, P. O. Box 9020, Tyler, Texas 75711; or Marvin UMC 300 W. Erwin St., Tyler, Texas 75702.

# Cemetery Details

**Private Burial**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

AUG 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

### Memorial Service

AUG 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

Marvin Methodist Church Sanctuary  
300 W Erwin St  
Tyler, TX 75702  
(903) 592-7396

# Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joan Shaver Muller



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**Stewart Family Funeral Home** - August 04, 2020 at 04:09 PM

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*My beautiful cousin Joanie. Since my dad was an only child, my Shaver cousins were the only cousins I had. I was the youngest girl, and Joanie was the oldest. There was a 10 year gap between us. Joanie, to an 8 year old chubby kid with pink gingham glasses, was the most glamorous thing I had ever seen. She was graceful, elegant, gorgeous to me. I was this shy kid who thought my cousin looked like Loretta Young. I mentioned this to my kids, and I saw one of them raise an eyebrow, questioning the identity of Loretta Young. The other answered by quickly shrugging their shoulders and almost imperceptibly shaking their head. Hmmppff! Well I knew who she was, and I was in awe of her beauty. Anytime we were all together for family functions, Joan was always engaging, and always friendly to me. I was so in awe- I was tongue-tied, and could barely even speak to her! I remember her teasing her dad and mom, in their kitchen in Knox City. I remember her so well- how is it possible that she is gone? I realize that most of you have more detailed and different memories of her. But I will always think of her as an almost untouchable, ethereal beauty. And her smile is something I will surely look for when we travel the same road again.*

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**Shay Robertson Lowther** - August 04, 2020 at 09:00 PM

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*Joan was truly our earthly angel - shining her glow on all of us who were blessed to know and love her. She could certainly enter a room and silence it with all the AWEs - yet she remained in that room to BE with us - 100% in the moment. She cared deeply, loved fully and laughed with gusto - in that lady-like elegant way. And, beside elegance was her "eloquence" as she made the English Language musical with her choice of words and ability to say what she felt in the moment, always appropriate and even memorable. What you may not have known about Joan is that she was courageous, brave AND relentless in her quest for perfection - which I believe she achieved beautifully. The day I met her in Walnut Creek, California, she asked if she could be my "Agent" - something she had never done before - and that question sparked a 40 year relationship of hard (and TOTALLY FUN) work with Fashion, Presentations and a Friendship beyond either of our imaginations.*

*Oh how we laughed and giggled and cried as we drove all over Texas to talk about WHAT FASHION was UP TO for that season/year/events. SHE LOVED IT!!! And, she was not only the most beautiful woman in the room - she was THE MOST REAL. I so loved seeing the "shoulder pad" photos - how we giggled over those - once their time had passed. AND, the hair-do's OMGGOODNESS what fun we had changing our looks with the flip of a curler - AND, they ALL LOOKED AMAZING ON JOAN as she had a face that could get away with AND MAKE every look - BEAUTIFUL. So many people copy-ing her "looks" - she inspired so many women with her niceness, her ability to listen, AND, most of all her thorough understanding of what it took to be a woman - even a "Cover Girl" - she shared it, worked at it, AND DELIGHTED all of us who were lucky enough to be in any and all the rooms she so delightfully entered. Holly GoLightly couldn't hold a candle to JOAN! For me, she was my right and left arm, my organized mentor, my creative muse, my limousine driver, my stage manager, my "Mom" ("you have to eat", "you have to sleep", "don't forget to drink some water", "you forgot to comb the back of your hair", "hurry up or we'll be late", "break-a-leg"! And on and on and on!) How very blessed I was AND I ALWAYS KNEW IT!!!*

*We used to talk about our "baggage" - at least 8 suit cases for every trip - and she giggled when I (always said) "I couldn't figure out what to wear!" She was FUN, ZESTY, and THE BEST GIRL FRIEND a person could ever have. We worked hard AND we played well.*

*And, she was empathetic when my darling husband passed away. Her solution: MOVE TO TEXAS - well, that was certainly a good idea - MARRY A TEXAN - was her magic wand - even though he was from Longview - she approved of my Curtis Morris. And, it was no easy task to pass the quiz she put him through before she said "OK, Suzie - he's OK!"*

*Joan was the most beautiful woman on earth AND, NOW, THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN IN HEAVEN. Thanks for all the memories, my*

*dearest of friends - and thanks for sharing your BEAUTIFUL SELFIE with all of us over the years.*

**SUZIE WOODWARD MORRIS** - August 05, 2020 at 11:24 AM

LM

“ *A life well lived, a charming and gracious lady and a delightful couple. Carol and Larry Wiertz.*

**LARRY M WIERTZ MD** - August 06, 2020 at 05:57 PM

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“ *Your long time friends, Charleen and Andy purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Joan Shaver Muller.*



**Your long time friends, Charleen and Andy** - August 06, 2020 at 02:33 PM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Joan Shaver Muller.*



August 06, 2020 at 02:25 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Joan Shaver Muller.*



August 05, 2020 at 07:49 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan Shaver Muller.



August 04, 2020 at 08:23 PM

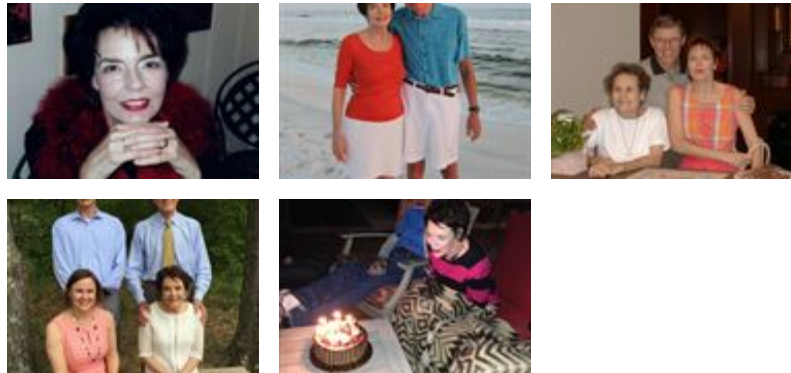


“ A great friend in Knox City schools and First Methodist Church. She will be missed.

**Wynette Graham Parchman Burns** - August 04, 2020 at 07:27 PM



“ 118 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Stewart Family Funeral Home** - August 04, 2020 at 04:08 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan Shaver Muller.



August 04, 2020 at 03:39 PM



“ Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Joan Shaver Muller.



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August 04, 2020 at 01:11 PM



“ Joan has left great memories with all her friends and family. She was always kind to everyone.



*I remember the first time I met her at church. She had a beautiful voice and always a smile in her eyes when she saw you. Always a joyful.*

*My prayers go out to her family and friends. I pray the angels wings lift her up swiftly To see the Lord Jesus. God bless.*

*My sincere condolences*

*Sheryl Miller* 🌹 🕊

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**Sheryl Miller** - August 04, 2020 at 09:33 AM

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*I canNOT begin to imagine my life without the presence, beauty and many talents of Joan Muller - a woman I have worked beside and loved for over 40 years. Joan was like a magnet who drew people toward her, nurturing them and providing them with Joy, Support, Giggles and Never Ending Memories. Driving all across Texas with Joan sealed our friendship and expanded both of our horizons beyond our imaginations AND Joan generously shared her family: John, Annika and Edward who she loved and cherished no matter where we were - they came with us in her heart and words. Joan was a gift and I am grateful to God and all the angels for loaning her to us for such a lovely while. Her legacy will live on in my heart until I can join her someday and resume the fun!*

*Suzie Woodward Morris*

**suzie Woodward Mortis** - August 04, 2020 at 10:55 AM

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*Suzie Woodward Morris  
In loving Memory to Joan Muller and her Dearly Loved Family*

**Suzie Woodward Morris** - August 04, 2020 at 10:59 AM

PB

*My sympathy to John and all the family. Joan was a long time friend from Knox City. She was a special lady and friend. Blessings for the family and many friends. †*

**Patsy Bateman** - August 04, 2020 at 07:14 PM

JC

*All our condolences and sympathy to the Muller family. What a wonderful friend and supporter. Jeanette and I will always remember the warmth, style and graciousness of Joan. Joan's inner beauty was matched by other gifts and her tremendous kindness. We all benefited greatly. We will always remember those great times we had at UT events and we all find solace to know she rest with the Lord forever more.*

*Jeanette and Kirk Calhoun*

**Jeanette and Kirk Calhoun** - August 05, 2020 at 07:11 PM

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*We have known Joan and John, and their family, almost from the day we came to Tyler forty years ago. From then on they were two of our dearest friends. Joan was a classy, dignified, elegant lady whose smile and charm would light up any room she entered.*

*We will miss her!*

*Jeanette and Steve Boyd.*

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**Stephen Boyd MD** - August 07, 2020 at 01:10 PM

LV

*I have known Joan all of my life since she was born one day after me in the Knox City Hospital. She has been a big part of our class, and we'll really miss her at our next homecoming. My condolences to John and her family.*

*Lou Denton Vail*

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**lou Vail** - August 07, 2020 at 03:51 PM