



Joyce Hendrix Bickerdike

August 13, 1938 - June 7, 2021

Joyce Hendrix Bickerdike, 82, of Tyler, went to be with her Lord on Monday, June 7th, 2021 after a difficult journey with Lewy Body Dementia.

Joyce was born in Tyler on August 13, 1938, a beautiful daughter to JP and Ina Rea Hendrix and sister to Mary, Patrick, Bill, Helen, and Tommy. After graduating Chapel Hill High School and attending Tyler Junior College, she fell in love with and married Edwin Bickerdike after courting for a brief 6 weeks. Edwin's military career took them around the globe and instilled in her a gypsy soul. Together they created a beautiful family and her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the light of her life. She and Ed were married for 49 wonderful years until his passing in 2007. After returning to Tyler in the early 80s she enjoyed a full life with family and friends. Upon widowhood, she was blessed with Willie Williams and a rekindled high school friendship.

Those who knew Joyce recall her as kind, selfless, vibrant, beautiful, strong, light-hearted and "The Queen of Fun." She made everyone fortunate enough to be in her company feel special and loved. Laughter was unavoidable around Joyce, whose infectious laughter lit up any room. She became a motherly figure to many and she made the lives of her grandchildren magical.

Joyce will be reunited in Heaven with her beloved husband, LTC (ret) Edwin

Bickerdike, son, Cary Chris Bickerdike, her parents, sisters, Mary Bland and Helen Terrell, and brother Bill Hendrix.

She leaves behind her loving family including brothers, Patrick Hendrix and Tommy Boyd; children, Caryn & Randy Bettes and Tony & Helene Bickerdike (with honorary mention to Herman Smits); grandchildren, Amanda Giessen, Joshua Bettes, Lindsay Dunning, Tiffany Koop, Christopher, Alexander and Emily Bickerdike; 9 great-grandchildren and countless close friends and special extended family members.

Visitation is scheduled for 1:00 PM with services immediately following at 2:00 PM on Friday, June 11, 2021, at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, Tyler, TX with Rev. Sherman Mayfield officiating. She will be placed to rest at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery in Tyler.

Pallbearers will be Christopher and Alexander Bickerdike, William Dunning, Matthew Koop, Colby Hamberg and Roy Giessen. Honorary pallbearers will be Randy Bettes, Ben and Matt Phillips and Jim, Steve, and Glenn Bickerdike.

If desired, memorial donations may be made to the Lewy Body Dementia Association (<https://www.lbda.org>).

Cemetery Details

Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery

7825 South Broadway Avenue
Tyler, TX 75703

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

JUN 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joyce Hendrix Bickerdike



Stewart Family Funeral Home - June 08, 2021 at 06:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Joyce Hendrix Bickerdike.



June 10, 2021 at 05:12 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Joyce Hendrix Bickerdike.



June 09, 2021 at 06:07 PM

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“ Love & prayers, Randy, Tracey, Erin & Rachel Barr purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Joyce Hendrix Bickerdike.



Love & prayers, Randy, Tracey, Erin & Rachel Barr - June 09, 2021 at 05:24 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joyce Hendrix Bickerdike.



June 09, 2021 at 03:35 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Joyce Hendrix Bickerdike.



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