



Laura Janice Clay

January 4, 1926 - May 23, 2020

Laura Janice Clay died peacefully at her home on Saturday, May 23, 2020. A graveside service will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at Rose Hill Cemetery, with Dr. Doug Baker, of Marvin United Methodist Church officiating.

“Jan” was born on January 4, 1926 in Port Arthur, Texas to David Sullivan and Eula Lang Tippett. She graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1944 and then attended Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas. At a dance in 1945 on the University of Texas campus, she met a handsome young Navy Ensign, Thomas Weldon Clay. They were married on February 22, 1947. She graduated with a BS in Medical Technology after an internship at Scott and White Hospital.

Tom and Jan began their life together in Dallas, where their two daughters were born. In 1956, they moved to Tyler. Jan was a homemaker while her husband practiced his profession as a petroleum engineer and geologist. Tom Clay died suddenly in 1979, leaving Jan a widow for forty years. She felt that she had lost the love of her life.

Jan loved her family, her farm and her dogs. She liked nothing better than sitting on her porch watching the song birds that she so lovingly fed. She was a life-long member of the Methodist Church and had spent the last decades as a member of Marvin United Methodist.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Wayne Babin, and daughter, Cynthia Watson, all of Tyler. She is also survived by her grandchildren, David and Claire Henry, of Longview, Sarah and Matt Serventi of Tyler, Abby and Jamie Nodler of Houston, Beth and Clay Hightower of Roswell, NM, and Rachel Watson and Justin Pass of Washington, DC, as well as six great-grandchildren, Eloise, Zoe, Sarah, Rosemary, Henry, and Emeline.

The family wishes to offer special thanks to her loving care givers, Carla Hardaway, Cristina Rojas, and Yvette Erwin. If desired, memorials may be made to Marvin United Methodist Church, 300. W. Erwin St., Tyler, TX 75702 or The Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

Rose Hill Cemetery
2400 S. Donnybrook
Tyler, TX 75702

Tribute Wall



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of *Laura Janice Clay*.



May 27, 2020 at 10:20 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray* was purchased for the family of *Laura Janice Clay*.



May 27, 2020 at 09:51 AM