



Lea (Hadley) Beach

August 8, 1952 - July 11, 2019

Lea Hadley Beach 66, of Bullard passed away July 11, 2019 at home. A memorial service for Lea will be held on Wednesday, July 17, 2019 with visitation starting at 10:00 a.m. and service at 11:00. The location is Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler with The Very Reverend M.L. Agnew, Jr. officiating.

Born in 1952 to an oil Doodlebugger and a librarian, she grew up moving often as her dad chased drill sites around the country for Conoco Oil. She married Bill in August 1973 and together they raised three children.

She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Bill Beach of Bullard, Texas; her children, Rhett (Stacey), of Plano, Texas, Regina (Craig) of Garland, Texas, and Richard (Stephanie) of Hampton, Virginia; five wonderful grandchildren, Ayden, Ryder, Madeline, Helena and Declan; her brother, Lindy Hadley of Brookland, Texas and a host of relatives and friends.

Lea often said she was busier in retirement than she was when she was working. She enjoyed the challenges of bridge and mahjong, was a line dancer, and loved reading aloud at the library. A lifelong educator, teaching children was her calling, and she worked tirelessly to improve the lives of the children she taught, along with lobbying for the rights and protections of the teachers who educated them.

She enjoyed traveling and taking trips by RV to visit the various sights in the U.S.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Breckenridge Village of Tyler, 15062 CR 1145, Tyler, TX 75704 or email breckenridgevillage.com, an organization that was near to Lea's heart.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 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 Webcast in memory of Lea (Hadley) Beach*

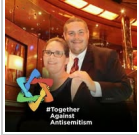


Stewart Family Funeral Home - July 17, 2019 at 11:54 AM

NF

“ *Lea hires me for my first teaching job 16 years ago! I remember her outgoing personality and big beautiful eyes and warm smile! I'll never forget the day that over 80% of my 5th graders passed the TAKS TEST, she grabbed me by both of my hands and said, I knew you could do it!*

Nicole Fox - July 18, 2019 at 04:59 PM



“ In 2006 my job at Earhart Learning Center was cut. I had an appointment to interview with Mrs. Beach for the music job at Hotchkiss on Monday morning when my dad passed away the Saturday morning prior. I called the campus first thing that Monday morning to leave message that I would need to reschedule my interview. When I spokw with the office manager, she gave the phone to Mrs. Beach. The first words out of her mouthu were, "What do you need? What can I do for you?"

I explained that I was 2 hours away in Blossom, Tx. She replied, "It is on a map, right?"

I finally convinced her that I was fine and had everything I needed. She told me not to worry about the interview. Just call when I was back in Dallas and settled, "I'll meet you at Starbucks if that works better for you."

I have never forgotten the kindness and sincere caring she showed me when I was a TOTAL stranger to her.

Tammy Torrens - July 17, 2019 at 08:28 PM

KB

“ My condolences for Mrs. L. Beach's family. I always remember her walking fast in the mornings in Hotchkiss's hall to be sure everything was in order. I always love her big smile, red lipstick and, beautiful eyes. She was the first principal that she gave me the opportunity and believe in myself to provide my skills as a bilingual teacher assistant. She always told me "You need to be a teacher." I know that we will miss her. But, we know as a christians that we came in this earth for a certain time. But, thanks to our Lord and our brother Jesus we will raise again, and we going to see her again. She is in the next step and close to our Savior. She is always be in my heart and memories. With love, Mrs Barahona.

Kathy Barahona - July 17, 2019 at 07:11 PM

PW

“ *Lea was my principal while she was at Hotchkiss Elementary. One thing I remember about Lea was that she was often so busy at the school, she did not take the time to eat. She let me have a cabinet in the office to keep special education supplies in. I always kept Peanut M and Ms in there for her. When I would see she was fading I would give her a few to tide her over until she was able to eat. The peanuts had protein and the chocolate had sugar. Lea was also a very trusting soul. I often had internet connectivity problems in the portable. She would let me use her computer early in the morning and late at night so I could do special education paperwork on line. Lea truly loved her family. My heart goes out to all of you.*

Pam Wurster

Pam Wurster - July 16, 2019 at 10:16 PM

RP

Peace to the family of Mrs L. Beach. I was hired by Mrs Beach to teach at Hotchkiss Elementary School. I enjoyed a warm, caring, and educational experience, with her leadership, that continued after I moved to another school. I will never forget her kindness. May GOD in His mercy, send a Comforter to her family, to heal their hearts, in JESUS' Name.

RYA Pegram

Rya Pegram - July 19, 2019 at 09:55 AM

HS

“ *Helen, Libby, Mary Sue, Rojean and Sheryl purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lea (Hadley) Beach.*



Helen, Libby, Mary Sue, Rojean and Sheryl - July 15, 2019 at 05:15 PM

PH

“ *Lea was my friend for more than 50 years—since our sophomore year in high school when she took me under her wing as a new student. We went through the turbulent high school years together as best friends—you know the boys’ thing and trying to decide what we were going to study in college and do after that. We shared so much in our college years also: the problems with professors and the discussions about the men we fell in love with. Bill was her dream come true but could she be happy so far from her family in west Texas? But of course—she was an adventurer as well! She often told me how happy she was that she had found her soulmate and had a wonderful family! She enjoyed a successful career and knew that Bill always “had her back” with any problems she faced. We would go for years without seeing each other but when we got together it was as if no time had passed. I can’t believe that she is gone and will miss her deeply. She was so alive! Bill, Rhett, Regina, Richard and family you have our deepest sympathy!* ”

Peggy Huard - July 15, 2019 at 04:56 PM

TB

Peggy has commented much more eloquently than I could... I went to junior high and high school with Lea, and we were always just 'buds!' I lost touch with her a long time ago, and was so sorry to hear of her passing, much too soon! Love and prayers to all of Lea's family!

Tom Barton - July 29, 2019 at 01:41 AM

JH

“ *Jackie Hopmann lit a candle in memory of Lea (Hadley) Beach* ”



Jackie Hopmann - July 15, 2019 at 02:33 AM

TL

“ *The Bunco Group with fun loving memories of Lea?? purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Lea (Hadley) Beach.*



The Bunco Group with fun loving memories of Lea?? - July 15, 2019 at 12:01 AM

TK

“ *The K-Steppers purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Lea (Hadley) Beach.*



The K-Steppers - July 13, 2019 at 09:36 AM

KR

“ *Karen Reynolds purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Lea (Hadley) Beach.*



Karen Reynolds - July 13, 2019 at 07:55 AM