



Lydia S. Reavis

August 10, 1946 - September 29, 2017

Memorial services for Lydia S. Reavis, 71, of Tyler, will be held on Saturday, November 25, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in the Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Gerry Giles, of Marvin United Methodist Church officiating.

Mrs. Reavis passed away Friday, September 29, 2017 in Tyler. She was born August 10, 1946 in Dallas to Virginia Lee Cunningham Stocks and Aubrey Banks Stocks.

Lydia was a member of Marvin United Methodist Church, a former member of the Marvin Chancel Choir and a member of the Tyler Civic Chorale. She graduated from Bonham High School, Bonham, TX, in 1964, Texas Christian University with a Bachelor of Music Education in 1968, and Texas A&M at Commerce with a Master of Choral Conducting in 1979. While at TCU, Lydia was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority, was one of the originators and directors of "The Kappa Pickers," a member of Phi Mu Epsilon Honorary Music Sorority, Fort Worth's Schola Cantorum, and the Fort Worth Opera Company chorus.

Lydia was a longtime resident of Jacksonville, TX where she was the choir director at Jacksonville High School, 1979-1981, handbell and children's choir director,

First Christian Church 1980-1988, and the co-owner and manager of Walker Real Estate 1982-1988. After moving to Tyler in 1989, Lydia was a voice and piano instructor for many years, teaching privately in her home as well as an adjunct professor of voice at the University of Texas at Tyler.

Mrs. Reavis is survived by the love of her life, William D. Reavis of Katy, TX, and by her children, Vicki Gotcher of Washington, D.C. and Andy Gotcher and his wife, Valerie Gotcher, along with Lydia's grandchildren, Avarie and Evan Gotcher, of Prosper, TX; her step daughter, Cadence Morris and her husband, Jay Morris and their children, Madeline, Amelia, Blaine, and Carter Morris of Cypress, TX and her step daughter, Danza Martin and her husband, Terry Martin and their children, Zane and Aubrey of Richmond, TX.

Visitation is scheduled 1 hour prior to the memorial service at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

If desired, memorials may be made to BIND: Brain Injury Network of Dallas http://thebind.org/get_involved/. Valerie Gotcher, Lydia's daughter-in-law, was inspired to create this non-profit organization after Lydia suffered a ruptured brain aneurysm in 2002.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **25**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Mem. Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Lydia S. Reavis*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - November 25, 2017 at 02:55 PM

JW

“ *Lydia and I were both adjunct faculty at UT Tyler at the same time. She and Will, my husband and I and other non-students joined Tom Allen's UT Chorale group on one of those choral trips to New York to sing Mozart Requiem in Carnegie Hall. I purchased a wheeled suitcase for the trip. Lydia, who ALWAYS looked beautifully coiffed, made up, dressed and accessorized, had a huge suitcase without wheels. Will, of course, graciously lugged it around for her. Seeing his struggle, she became obsessed with my rolling luggage. When we returned to Tyler, Lydia called me and asked me where I got the suitcase on wheels, and I told her it was from Tuesday Morning. A couple of days later she called me again and said that she and Will got there early, waited for them to open, and headed straight for the luggage. Score! We all know how immensely talented Lydia was, but this incident exhibits her sense of humor, her beautiful relationship with Will, and her meticulous planning. Any time we would be together after this, we would laugh about THAT SUITCASE!*

Judy Wilkins - November 27, 2017 at 09:28 AM

LG

“ I knew Lydia years before we moved to Tyler. The first service she saw us in the congregation, she ran down from the choir loft and finally convinced and encouraged me to join the Marvin UMC choir. Had it not been for her and Will, I probably would never have had the courage to join! They both were tremendous assets to the choir and we have missed them so much! They were dear friends to all of us at MUMC! Love to all of you, Lois Ann Godfrey

Lois Ann Godfrey - November 25, 2017 at 02:03 PM

CT

“ I'm so glad to read about the full life and all the blessings God bestowed upon Lydia. I first knew her in grade school in Bonham, TX and we were in Blue Birds together. Then, of course, we flew up to become Camp Fire Girls and eventually Horizon Club Girls! These really were good days and wonderful opportunities for young girls in a little town without a lot of exciting advantages. Lydia was always pretty quiet and prone to follow the rules...actually, most of us were good kids, growing up in an era just before all of the protests of the late '60's. Lydia blossomed into a beautiful woman and was so talented. The world will miss her as well as those of us who had the blessing of sharing at least a small part of her life. We have the hope of a wonderful reunion with those that have gone before us! God bless you all and comfort and sustain you in her loss.

Carol Jean (Hicks) Terry

Carol Terry - November 25, 2017 at 01:41 PM



“ 57 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - November 24, 2017 at 05:33 PM

MG

“ *Lydia and Will meant so much to the Marvin choir - enjoyed singing and knowing them so very much. Mary Gammell*

Mary Gammell - November 16, 2017 at 10:27 PM