



Marellyn Denton Hadden

January 20, 1931 - November 19, 2015

Marellyn Denton Hadden died November 19, 2015 peacefully in her home in Tyler. Private graveside services for Mrs. Hadden will be held at 10:00 A. M. on Monday, November 23 at 10:00 at Rose Hill Cemetery, Tyler, Texas, followed by a public memorial service at 11:00 A. M. at Grace Community Church, 3215 Old Jacksonville Road, Tyler, Texas with the Rev. Doug Clark officiating, and under the direction of the Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler. Visitation with the family will be at the Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. on Sunday, November 22. Marellyn was born January 20, 1931, in Waco, Texas, to A. Neilson Denton and wife, Loise T. Denton. Her father was a cotton merchant and her mother taught French at Baylor University. Marellyn graduated from Waco High School in 1949. She attended Baylor, Christian College in Columbia, Missouri, and graduated from the University of Texas in Austin in 1953. At Texas Marellyn majored in Sociology, minored in Psychology and Elementary Education, and was an active member of the Chi Omega Sorority. Thereafter she taught elementary school in Austin. In 1952 Marellyn was a Waco debutante, a member of the Hedonia Society, and was a Duchess of Waco at the 1952 Texas Mardi Gras in Galveston.

In the summer of 1955 Marellyn met and dated a law student, Roby Hadden, from Fort Stockton, Texas. They married at Austin Avenue Methodist Church in Waco on June 23, 1956. When Roby graduated from Law School in May, 1957, Marellyn and her husband moved to Tyler, Texas, where they have

resided for the past 58 years. In Tyler, Marelynn was a substitute teacher for a short time at Andy Woods Elementary School and Trinity Lutheran School. Being of French heritage Marelynn loved to cook, and in 1985 she was featured in Women's News in The Tyler Courier-Times for her French cooking including her famous Mint Iced Tea Recipe which is still being served at The Potpourri House in Tyler.

Marelynn was a past president of Chi Omega Alumni Association in Tyler, past president of the Newcomers' Club of Tyler, a past member of the Medical Center Auxillary of Tyler, Women's Symphony League, a Keynoter, a member of Tyler Women's Forum, the Salvation Army Auxillary, a member of the Smith County Law Wives Auxillary and a member of the Daughters Of The American Revolution. She participated in Bible Study Fellowship for many years. Upon reaching graduation status, she continued a weekly BSF class in her home with other graduates for several years.

Marelynn was an active member of Grace Community Church where she and her husband were founding members in 1964. She taught Sunday School at Grace in earlier years and served as a member of Ladies of Grace, the Sparrows Ministry, and a weekly Care Group. God played a major role in her life and she always looked forward to the Bible study and devotional with her husband every morning. Her favorite verse of scripture was Phillippians 4:8, "Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things".

Marelynn always had a keen interest in current events, particularly in politics, and was a member of the National, State, and County Associations of Republican Women. She actively campaigned for candidates running for public office including her husband. Marelynn always enjoyed her family of four children and 14 grandchildren. Her favorite time of year was her family's annual summer vacation at the YMCA of the Rockies near Estes Park, Colorado, where she would enjoy hiking with her family in the beautiful Rocky

Mountain National Park.

She was preceded in death by her eldest son, Neilson Denton Hadden.

Survivors include her husband of 59 years, her daughter-in-law Sharyl Seyler and her husband Chuck Seyler of Cypress, Texas; her daughter, Lynne Hadden Clarke and her husband James Clarke of Mansfield, Texas; her son Robert Wesley Hadden and his wife Laura Hubble Hadden of Highland Village, Texas; her son, Arthur Roby Hadden, Jr., and his wife Lisa Lightsey Hadden of Mexia, Texas; her grandchildren, Lindsey Hadden Sandefur and husband Justin Sandefur of Austin, Texas; Denton Alexander Hadden, Holly Kathleen Hadden, Carey Kendall Seyler, and Cody Millet Seyler of Cypress, Texas; Russell James Clarke and Kevin Gene Clarke of Mansfield, Texas; Elizabeth Hadden Cullnane and her husband Chris Cullnane of Denton, Texas; Hailey Lynne Hadden and Hannah Julianne Hadden of Highland Village, Texas, Blake Ellice Hadden and Alyssa Lynne Hadden of Mexia, Texas; great-grandchildren Norah Jane Sandefur and Elias Michael Sandefur of Austin, Texas; brother-in-law Herbert O. Cook of Newport Beach, California; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Everyone Marellyn has met quickly learned to love her. One of her caregivers described her as the most naturally gracious lady she has ever known.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

2400 S. Donnybrook
Tyler, TX 75702

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

NOV **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Community Church
3215 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75701

Burial

NOV **23** (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I was an "almost teen" when I first met Aunt Marelynn, and she showed me a unique way of life and love that never changed. Roby was in law school, she was teaching in Austin, and he brought her to our home to meet us. They were so in love and we were very pleased with his choice of such a friendly, beautiful, stylish lady. The Waco wedding is still one of my most memorable times -- she was a stunning bride and it was exciting to be part of a country club party! During family visits, Marelynn always took time to ask and to listen to how things were going. She wrote beautiful notes of thanks and appreciation, wore colorful clothes and made sure everyone had plenty to eat and iced tea to drink. Ever a gracious hostess, her deep sense of social etiquette was graced with a cheerful, sweet disposition that would never openly offend or criticize. Even if she were to disagree, it would be with a smile and a thoughtful comment. I loved Aunt Marelynn and her legacy is in place with hundreds of photos of the many who were loved and cherished.

Martie Buzzard - November 22, 2015 at 04:29 PM

MD

“ Wes and Laura,
We were sorry to read of the loss of your Mom. She was a very sweet lady. Please express our condolences to the rest of your family.
With love,
Dan & Marie Dusek

Marie Dusek - November 21, 2015 at 06:57 PM

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“ *Seyler purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Marellyn Denton Hadden.*



Seyler - November 21, 2015 at 09:48 AM