



## Margaret Zeigler Hilliard

February 4, 1931 - November 20, 2022

Margaret Zeigler Hilliard passed away peacefully surrounded by family on November 20, 2022 in Tyler, Texas.

Services will be held Wednesday, November 23, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler, Texas officiated by Rev. Dr. Stuart Baskin.

Born in Longview, Texas on February 4, 1931 to Leroy Trice and Nelda Wilkins Zeigler. Margaret was proud to be the descendant of a pioneer family of Gregg County, Texas.

Margaret graduated from Hockaday School in Dallas, Texas and attended Southern Methodist University. Margaret met William "Bill" Hilliard in 1949 while attending a dance with friends at Texas A&M University where Bill was a student. They married February 3, 1951 in Longview, Texas. Margaret and Bill were together 44 years before Bill passed away in 1995. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

Margaret's joy in life was being with friends and family and she had a gift for hospitality and making others feel welcome. When she wasn't entertaining, she enjoyed playing mahjong, traveling, gardening, and cooking up delicious dishes. She was proud to be a blood donor, having donated 13 gallons over

the years. Margaret enjoyed being a community volunteer with the Junior League of Tyler, and a deacon at First Presbyterian Church in Tyler. She was the family storyteller and amazed us all with her memory.

Margaret was predeceased by her husband, Bill Hilliard; parents, Leroy and Nelda Wilkins Zeigler; son-in-law, Ronald Samford, Jr.; and grandson, Matt Hilliard. She is survived by brother, John Zeigler; son, Mike Hilliard and wife, Debbie; daughter, Carol Samford; son, John Hilliard and wife, Suzy; grandson, Michael Hilliard and wife, Yao; granddaughters, Lindsey Edwards and husband, Jason, Jordan Lambert and husband, Peyton, Claire Richards and husband Mike, Brittany Sandbach, and Meredith Hilliard; great-grandchildren, Kaitlyn Hilliard, Natalie Hilliard, Emily Hilliard, Caroline Hilliard, Tommy Hilliard, Paige Hilliard, Erin Edwards, Jack Edwards, Ford Lambert, Sawyer Lambert, Teddy Lambert, Cooper Sandbach, and Brody Sandbach.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make donations to the Hiway 80 Rescue Mission ([www.hiway80rm.org](http://www.hiway80rm.org)) 3123 W. Marshall Ave., Longview, TX 75604.

# Cemetery Details

## Grace Hill Cemetery

601 W. Marshall Street  
Longview, TX 75601

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

SP

“ I was blessed to have known Margaret. I went to work for Mr Hilliard so many years ago. When I found out he was an Aggie I knew we would click. And we did. I loved working for him. My friendship with Margaret continued after he passed. She was a delight. And I loved talking with her on the phone or our visits in person. I'm going to miss her. But our loss is Heaven's gain.

Sandra Pryor - December 14, 2022 at 09:05 PM

KU

“ Kelley Uzzell lit a candle in memory of Margaret Zeigler Hilliard



Kelley Uzzell - November 30, 2022 at 09:26 PM

LJ

“ one of the original "Birthday girls" for over 60 years! Soooo many memories; such fun times especially on that old Barrel barge! will really ,really miss her. LynneJ

lynne justice - November 22, 2022 at 03:27 PM

RT

“ A delightful and good-hearted lady, I enjoyed visiting with Margaret over the years both as a patient and a friend. She will be greatly missed in this office and by all who knew her.  
Richard Tyer. M.D.

Richard D Tyer - November 22, 2022 at 01:01 PM

KC

*Bill & I were fortunate to be friends of the Lindsey Newsom group that met in Kerrville every Memorial Day. She was a gracious & beautiful lady, who loved life. GOD has gained a wonderful Angel. We will miss her.*

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**Kerry Cox** - November 23, 2022 at 09:42 AM