



Margaret "Midge" Layton

September 14, 1924 - June 29, 2014

Funeral services for Margaret "Midge" Layton, 89, of Tyler, will be held on Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at 3:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Ron Wells officiating. She will be laid to rest following the service at Tyler Memorial Park Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at 2:00 PM, one hour prior to the service.

Midge passed away peacefully under the loving care of The Hospice of East Texas. Mrs. Layton was born September 14, 1924 in Royal Oak, Michigan to her late parents St. Clare Marshall, born in Paisley, Scotland and Eunice Hill, born in London, England. She was predeceased by her loving husband of 64 years, Robert E. "Bob" Layton, Jr.

Midge was an only child and grew up in Michigan where she excelled academically. She was granted a Fellowship to Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. While a student at Brown, WWII broke out and she went to work with the war effort in building airplanes. She studied aeronautical engineering at the time, and after the war graduated from Brown.

When Midge was a student, a dance was held for sailors leaving for war in the Pacific. One young sailor named Robert, asked who was the best dancer at Brown. Her friends said Midge was the best dancer. She was encouraged to come meet this Texas sailor. That night a long distance courtship began.

When Bob returned to the states, he graduated from Texas A&M, and Midge moved to the South and they were married at First Presbyterian of Tyler on June 7, 1947. They were "forever" sweethearts and best friends.

Bob Layton went into business in 1949 with his father R.E. Layton, Sr. to form Layton Engineering Company. Midge soon joined the company as the office manager and bookkeeper. Together they were involved in church and community affairs. Midge was the “woman behind the man”; she was always supportive and a perfect wife, friend, partner and mother to their two children. She was always in attendance or volunteering in the many activities of her children, like scouting, music classes, Bible study, football, band and volleyball.

Midge was the quintessential “Proverbs 31 Woman”. Her greatest joys were her family, her grandchildren and then the added blessing of taking care of her great-grandchildren. She adored the children and enjoyed every holiday, birthday, sporting event, award ceremony or any opportunity to babysit. Midge is survived by her daughter, Marsha Anderson and husband Jim; son, Robert E. Layton III and wife Marsha Anne; loving grandchildren, C.J. Anderson and wife Amy, Robert E. Layton IV and fiancée Molly Zier of Denver, Colorado, Jeremy Anderson and fiancée Ashley Stanley of Dallas, Le’Anne and Daniel Southerland; great-grandchildren, Emma, Camden and Jack Anderson, Kaiden and Layton Anderson, Baylee Anne Southerland; Dutch Son, Hans Beunderman; a niece and 3 nephews. Because of her faith and trust in God, Midge’s legacy lives on through her family. She had unconditional love and acceptance of every person she met. She was the embodiment of I Corinthians 13.

The family would like to thank Green Acres Baptist Church and John Childs Sunday School class for their prayers and support. Also, we thank The Hamptons Assisted Living for two years of precious memories and making a home for our mother. In addition, thank you to Prestige Memory Care who cared for our Mother the last weeks of her life. To the doctors, nurses, aides, volunteers and chaplains of The Hospice of East Texas, we are forever grateful for caring for mother with respect and love.

In honor of Midge’s love for her children and grandchildren, her family requests memorials be made to Green Acres Baptist Church, Children’s

Ministry, 1607 Troup Highway, Tyler, TX 75701 or The Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701.

“Heavenly Father, thank you, God, for the honor and the privilege of having the most incredible Godly woman, wife, mother, grandmother, and friend as our mother. We praise you for giving her to us to be a light house for grace and love for our entire family, and all those whom she met. Her quiet faith, faithful walk, trusting heart, and unwavering love and honor for you, Lord, is her legacy and gift to generations to come. We thank You and praise You for the gift of her life and that she now is with You as You promised. Amen.” The Layton and The Anderson families.

Cemetery Details

Tyler Memorial Park

12053 SH 64 West
Tyler, TX 75704

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

JUL 2. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RJ

“ Our sincerest condolences, our thoughts and prayers are with your entire family.
May the Lord give you his love and peace.
Ronny and Mitzi

Ronny and Mitzi Jones - July 02, 2014 at 02:19 PM



“ America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Margaret "Midge" Layton.



July 02, 2014 at 09:40 AM

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“ Steve and Karen Witte purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Margaret "Midge" Layton.



Steve and Karen Witte - July 01, 2014 at 10:29 PM

DC

“ Our prayers for your family. May God comfort all of you.

David and Carleta Cates - July 01, 2014 at 08:22 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Margaret "Midge" Layton.*



July 01, 2014 at 02:51 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Margaret "Midge" Layton.*



July 01, 2014 at 10:03 AM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Margaret "Midge" Layton.*



July 01, 2014 at 10:02 AM



“ *What a joy and privilege to have known Midge. I believe she was the smartest and nicest person I have ever known. Her beautiful smile the last few days of her life will always be a part of my understanding how a true Saint waits patiently for Our Father to come take her home. You are missed, Midge.*

Judy Turner - June 30, 2014 at 06:56 PM