



Marian Laverne Ehlers Ballard

August 24, 1927 - September 29, 2016

Services for Marian Ehlers Ballard, 89, of Tyler, Texas, will be held on Sunday, October 2, 2016, at 2:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Dr. Stuart Baskin officiating. Visitation will follow the service.

Private burial will precede the service at Rose Hill Cemetery in Tyler, Texas under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mrs. Marian Ballard passed away Thursday, September 29, 2016 at Meadow Lake in Tyler.

She was born August 24, 1927 in Austin, Texas to Victor and Edith Ehlers. Marian was a member of First Presbyterian Church for over 65 years. She was a proud graduate of The University of Texas at Austin where she was a member of the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority. Following her graduation, Marian married the love of her life, W.T. "Doc" Ballard. Marian and Doc moved to Tyler in 1947 and she opened Kiddie Kollege kindergarten in 1948 where she touched the lives of many children over the next 28 years. She continued her career in the Tyler public schools teaching Head Start and Kindergarten before retiring in 1991. She was a member of AAUW and First Presbyterian Women of the Church. She volunteered at Meals on Wheels for many years and always enjoyed her afternoons playing Mah Jong at the church with her many dear friends.

Marian was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Doc; her brothers, Emmett and Vic Ehlers and her sister Edith Mazurek.

She is survived by her loving family including her sons, Brian Ballard and wife, Margaret, of Henderson, Texas, Bruce Ballard and wife, Cathy, of Rockwall, Texas and daughter Barbara Lowe and husband, David of Chandler, Texas. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Brett Ballard, Allison Biggs, Ross Smith, Brittany Colip, Brandon Ballard, Ryan Smith, Hayley Harris and Clay Harris. Marian is also survived by 5 great grandchildren and special friend, Lillie Battee.

The family would like to offer a very special thanks to all the caregivers at Meadow Lake Senior Living Community and Heart to Heart Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 230 West Rusk, Tyler, TX 75701 or a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

2400 S. Donnybrook
Tyler, TX 75702

Previous Events

Visitation and reception after service

OCT 2. 2:45 AM (CT)

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

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Marian Laverne Ehlers Ballard*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - October 02, 2016 at 02:00 PM

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“ *Pud Patterson lit a candle in memory of Marian Laverne Ehlers Ballard*



pud patterson - October 02, 2016 at 07:09 PM

BP

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with each of you. Ann and John at Kiddie College. Doc and Jim playing pool at UT and Marian and I in class in the education department. May God give you strength and courage for the days ahead. We will miss them but let's remember the good times we shared. Betty Plyler*

Betty Plyler - October 01, 2016 at 11:23 AM

WS

“ Wayne Sanders lit a candle in memory of
Marian Laverne Ehlers Ballard



Wayne Sanders - October 01, 2016 at 10:27 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the
family of Marian Laverne Ehlers Ballard.



September 30, 2016 at 04:59 PM