



Marnie Joseph

August 27, 1933 - October 15, 2018

The Mass of Christian Burial for Marnie Sedberry Joseph will be held Thursday, October 25, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Tyler with Monsignor Milam J. Joseph officiating.

Marnie Sedberry Joseph, age 85, died on October 15, 2018 at her home surrounded by family. She was the adopted daughter of Marnie Merritt Byars and James Bernard Sedberry of Franklin, TN. A graduate of St. Bernard Academy in Nashville, TN, she attended Vanderbilt University, Our Lady of Cincinnati, Peabody College and Sienna College. As she told her children, she thoroughly enjoyed each one!

Marnie met her future husband, Elias F. Joseph, in October 1953 at a conference of young adult Catholics and chased him all over Tennessee until he finally said he would marry her! They married in 1956, living in Oak Ridge, TN, where Elias worked for the Atomic Energy Commission until their move to Tyler, TX in 1958.

She raised five children, leading by example and living a faith-driven life of service to others. Marnie was devoutly Catholic, deeply faithful and driven by her strong sense of moral obligation to help those in need by whatever means she could.

Marnie believed that education and knowledge was key to being successful in life and it was this belief that led her to a career selling World Book Encyclopedias.

Along with Elias and daughter, Byars, they founded Josephs Catering. Thanks to their talent and hard work, they built a successful business that properly served and deliciously fed U.S. Presidents, politicians, friends and family for over 26 years.

Marnie was a committed and active member of the Altar Society, St. Gregory's and T. K. Gorman's PTOs, the Cedars of Lebanon, the Tyler Symphony Association, Smith County Association for Retarded Children, Smith County Democrats, the Tyler Day Nursery, the March of Dimes and the Girl Scouts. She was the proud recipient of the New Days Ministries' Woman of Distinction Award recognizing her heart, talent, energy and expertise.

Marnie is survived by her children and their families, Bernadine and Bob Daniell, Byars and David McCall, Henriette and Greg Doke, and Christopher Joseph; grandchildren, Emily and Austin Brooks, Will Daniell and Cari Euart, Bliss Joseph; and great-granddaughter, Merritt Brooks. She is also survived by her sister, Brenda Ray; sister-in-law, Mary Sedberry and cousin, Betty Byars Summers.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Elias F. Joseph; son, Elias Francis Joseph, Jr.; and brothers, Jimmy Sedberry and Clifford Sedberry.

Visitation is scheduled on Wednesday, October 24, 2018 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. followed by the Rosary at the Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Elias F. Joseph Family Scholarship Fund at The Tyler Catholic School Foundation, P.O. Box 131175, Tyler, TX 75713 or to the Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd, Tyler, TX 75701.

“Well done, good and faithful servant...Enter into the joy of your master.” Matt. 25:23

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **24.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Rosary

OCT **24.** 7:00 PM (CT)

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Memorial Mass

OCT **25.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
423 S. Broadway
Tyler, TX 75702

Tribute Wall

NF

“ Neil and Rachel wheeler and family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Marnie Joseph.



Neil and Rachel wheeler and family - October 24, 2018 at 10:13 AM

BW

“ Marnie was a great funny lady whom i shall remember forever. I will always remember spending every new years eve with her and Elias while Dan played the piano at Betty Summers New Years Eve parties



Brad Watkins - October 23, 2018 at 12:03 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Marnie Joseph.



October 23, 2018 at 11:32 AM

KH

“ May God grant you peace during this difficult time.
Kurt Hunt



Kurt Hunt - October 21, 2018 at 09:40 AM

KK

“ *My deep heartfelt prayers go the ones left behind.
So many fun memories w Byars, Francis and Marnie! She wanted
me to sell Encyclopedias at the fair!*
Kathryn Kamel

Kathryn Kamel - October 21, 2018 at 03:58 AM

CA

“ *1 file added to the album*



Carol - October 20, 2018 at 12:21 AM

MB

“ I feel like I was part of the Joseph family growing up. We went to school together and were all part of the big Tyler Lebanese community. My first memory that came to mind after I heard Mrs. Joseph passed away was her kindness. When I was a young teenager, I remember wanting to go to the EAST TEXAS FAIR. I would have gone every single night if I could have. One night I decided to WALK to the Fair, which would have been perhaps 5 miles. Mrs. Joseph happened to be driving down the same street and picked me up and took me there! She had a big smile on her face-and I know now, she wanted to also protect me from any harm. She brought me there to my Uncle Rodney, who had a ton of food stands at the Fair and made sure I was safe before she'd leave me.

that was just how she was. You knew she really cared and had others best interests deep in her heart.

My prayers to all of the family. She will be deeply missed. What a life well lived!

Mona Bryner - October 19, 2018 at 11:29 AM

KK

I have memories of Marnie and Elias and Byars and Francis....so much fun...Marnie wanted me to sell Encyclopedias at the fair!
My deep heart felt prayers go to those left behind.
Kathryn Kamel

Kathryn Kamel - October 21, 2018 at 03:07 AM



“ Marnie was always so friendly and when she and her husband had JOSEPH'S foods, we loved going in there and buying things. Always something interesting! We particularly like the pralines and somehow never got that recipe. If anyone has it please call at 903-561-4346. Dave and Carolyn Halbrooks Bain, Bain Real Estate

Carolyn Bain - October 18, 2018 at 03:42 PM