



Martha Christine Lyon Blalock

December 26, 1925 - March 18, 2021

A memorial service for Martha Christine Lyon Blalock, 95, will be held at Stewart Family Funeral Home at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March, 26, 2021, with the Reverends Pike Wisner and Jim Shamburger officiating. There will be a visitation on Thursday, March 25 from 5-7 p.m. also at Stewart Family Funeral Home. The family encourages the courtesy of mask-wearing and social distancing during the services.

Martha Christine Lyon was born December 26, 1925, in Dallas, TX, the daughter of Hubert C. Lyon and Thelma Pledger Lyon. She began school at Marsh Elementary in Tyler and as a first grader, walked in the first Rose parade as a red crepe-paper rosebud. After graduating from Nederland High School in 1943, she worked in the accounting department of Consolidated Ship Yards in Orange, TX during WWII. Martha moved back to the Tyler area and met and married Joe Blalock. They celebrated 66 years of marriage before his death in 2014. Her greatest joy was being married to him and rearing their daughters, Sondra and Cheryl. She retired in 1987 after 25 years in the accounting department of Texas Power and Light (Oncor).

Mrs. Blalock was a longtime and active member of First Baptist Church of Tyler, serving over 30 years in the Nursery Department. She was active in the PTAs at Ramey Elementary, Boulter Jr. High, and John Tyler High School and received an honorary life membership in Texas PTA. She (with help from Joe)

worked tirelessly as a leader of two Blue Bird and Camp Fire Girls groups for 12 years.

She enjoyed needlework, sewing, feeding and watching birds, working in her flowers, reading, and playing “42” and Jokers. She was a wonderful neighbor and friend and enjoyed traveling. Her big love in this life though was her family. She planned and cooked for many trips with her grandchildren and family vacations to the beach.

She is survived by her daughter Sondra (Donald) Adair of Arlington, and their children, Courtney (Jonathan), Emilia and Haydon Applequist of Potomac, MD, and Nathan (Lindsay), Emerson, Payton, and Cole Adair of Houston; and daughter Cheryl (Jim) Shamburger of Tyler, and their children, KC (Marshall), Eden, and Drew McSpadden of Austin, Travis Shamburger of Plano and his fiancée, Mary Eberhart of Gainesville, and Austin (Tammy), Brooklyn, Gretchen, and Harris Shamburger of Plano.

The family would like to thank Miriam Gruenwald and the staff at Azalea Trails Senior Living and Memory Care for the years of loving companionship and care they provided.

If so desired, memorials can be directed to First Baptist Church Tyler Sanctuary Renovation fund, 301 W. Ferguson St., Tyler, TX 75702.

Cemetery Details

Private Interment

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **25**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

MAR **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Martha Christine Lyon Blalock



Stewart Family Funeral Home - March 23, 2021 at 05:00 PM

BL

“ Many sweet memories of times with Martha & Joe.

Betty Blalock LeBaron

Betty Jane LeBaron - March 29, 2021 at 11:23 AM



“ Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martha Christine Lyon Blalock.



March 25, 2021 at 09:47 AM

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“ *In loving memory of your sweet mom, Donna & Orsen purchased the Heavenly Light for the family of Martha Christine Lyon Blalock.*



In loving memory of your sweet mom, Donna & Orsen -
March 24, 2021 at 05:42 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Martha Christine Lyon Blalock.*



March 24, 2021 at 12:12 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Martha Christine Lyon Blalock.*



March 24, 2021 at 10:16 AM



“ 120 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - March 23, 2021 at 02:11 PM



“ *Rose Garden Heart* was purchased for the family of Martha Christine Lyon Blalock.



March 21, 2021 at 02:48 PM

LD

“ Our young years playing in the Baldwin neighborhood were spent going back and forth to Miss Martha's house and our house, whoever had the latest batch of cookies.
Miss Martha would phone our house and ask "Is Sondra there?"
The Grant kids and the Blalock kids shared many special years together in that neighborhood.
And then many decades later our Mothers would share another neighborhood and once again the Grant kids could see that perpetual sweet smile on Miss Martha's face.
Our deepest of sympathies for Sondra & Donald and Cheryl & Jim.

Our Love the Grant Kids - Linda, Steven and Nancy

Linda Grant Davis - March 21, 2021 at 10:57 AM

SA

Oh those were fun days, weren't they, Linda? Thank you and love to you and Steven and Nancy as well. Sondra

Sondra Adair - March 23, 2021 at 07:14 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Martha Christine Lyon Blalock.*



March 20, 2021 at 11:00 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Martha Christine Lyon Blalock.*



March 20, 2021 at 02:13 PM



“ *That picture speaks it all! She was always was gracious & charming & a great side-kick for Joe. Blessings to the family. Carolyn Halbrooks Bain*

Carolyn Bain - March 19, 2021 at 09:50 PM

SA

Thank you, Carolyn.

Sondra Adair - March 23, 2021 at 07:47 PM

WW

“ *Sending our heartfelt love, hugs and prayers to Martha's family. She was such a wonderful and special lady. She was our daughter's Grandmother (Mar) and our Grandchildren's Great Grandmother (Mar)...such a blessing in their lives. Her legacy will live on through her daughters. Heaven has gained another Angel!
In Christian Sympathy, Jeff & Wanda Williams*

Wanda Williams - March 19, 2021 at 02:37 PM

SA

Thank you, Wanda, for all your sweet remembrances through the years. Sondra

Sondra Adair - March 23, 2021 at 07:15 PM

PK

Cheryl, Sondra and family: My heartfelt prayers and love go out to you all in the loss of your sweet mother. She and your dad meant so much to all of us growing up as neighbors as well as our Bluebirds! May God bless and keep you all. Patty Hearne Kirkpatrick

Patty Hearne Kirkpatrick - March 25, 2021 at 08:47 PM

SO

Thank you, Party. Those were sweet times!

sondra - April 02, 2021 at 01:00 PM