



Martha Cary Boyd

August 18, 1938 - April 23, 2019

A memorial service for Martha Cary Boyd, 80, of Tyler will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Chris Pulliam officiating.

Mrs. Boyd passed away Tuesday, April 23, 2019 in Tyler surrounded in a circle of love by family and friends both near and far. She was born August 18, 1938 in Lufkin to John Holland Hopkins and Gladys Lee Vaughn Hopkins.

Martha was a member of First Christian Church of Tyler. She graduated from Lufkin High School, Class of 1956, and went on to achieve her bachelor's degree and teacher's certificate from Stephen F. Austin University. She taught elementary school for 27 years, 14 years in the Lufkin Independent School District, 13 in Neches Independent Schools.

Martha loved teaching and felt it her life's calling, a calling she heard at the tender age of 8, inspired by her third grade teacher, whose loving example she felt compelled to follow. She went on to teach elementary school, mostly third grade, just as she had dreamed. She took great pleasure in children and deep satisfaction in fostering a love of reading in young children, in particular. She enjoyed her colleagues immensely and made deep and lasting friendships with those with whom she taught. In retirement, she continued to find ways to exercise her passion for people and teaching, volunteering to

teach English as a Second Language and reading to first graders in area schools. She also volunteered for the local food pantry and was active and involved in her church community. She and husband Tim have made friends easily wherever they have found themselves; as a result, our whole family is encircled by a network of loyal and steadfast friends at this difficult time.

Martha was a devoted wife, mother, aunt, grandmother, and, very recently, great-grandmother. She demonstrated her love most readily and easily in the kitchen, a largely self-taught artist of classic southern cuisine. Chicken and dumplings, turnip greens, cornbread, and pinto beans, fried chicken, chocolate pie, chocolate cake, peach cobbler. To step into Nanny's kitchen was to experience an aroma therapy that made everything alright.

We miss her terribly but recognize her now in the closeness we feel as a nuclear and extended family and in the even wider family of friends her lovely and lively spirit brought together.

Martha was preceded in death by her mother, Gladys Hopkins and her father, John Hopkins, and she is survived by her loving family including her husband of 58 years, Timothy Terrell Boyd, Jr; daughter, Cheryl Boyd Everett; son-in-law, Doug Everett; granddaughter, Katy Everett Gentry; Katy's husband, Kevin Gentry and their daughter (Martha's first great-grandbaby), Avery Grace Gentry; also daughter, Vicki Boyd; daughter-in-law, Anna Kay Vorsteg; grandson, John Sovann Vorsteg Boyd; and granddaughter, Tevy Vorsteg Boyd. She is also survived by her beloved sister, Mellie Ann Burke and her family, husband, James Burke; sons, Jimmy and Derek Burke; and daughter, Lisa Burke.

Honorary pallbearers will be Sovann Boyd, Kevin Gentry, and Doug Everett.

Visitation is scheduled from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at

Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

The family wishes to thank Heart to Heart Hospice of Tyler for making it possible for Mom to pass peacefully at home and the community of First Christian Church for holding Mom and Dad in such warm embrace at this most difficult time in our lives. If desired, memorials may be made to First Christian Church, 4202 S. Broadway Ave, Tyler, TX 75701, www.fcctyler.org

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 4. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

MAY 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Martha Cary Boyd



Stewart Family Funeral Home - May 04, 2019 at 02:57 PM



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Martha Cary Boyd



Stewart Family Funeral Home - May 03, 2019 at 06:48 PM



“ Loretta Martinez lit a candle in memory of Martha Cary Boyd



Loretta Martinez - May 08, 2019 at 10:14 PM



“ 169 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - May 03, 2019 at 05:43 PM



“ Jack & the HMH ELT purchased the *A New Sunrise Spray* for the family of Martha Cary Boyd.



Jack & the HMH ELT - May 02, 2019 at 10:26 AM



“ *Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket* was purchased for the family of Martha Cary Boyd.



May 02, 2019 at 07:33 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Martha Cary Boyd.*



May 01, 2019 at 09:27 PM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martha Cary Boyd.*



May 01, 2019 at 04:11 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Martha Cary Boyd.*



May 01, 2019 at 01:04 PM



“ *Kristen Lavelle & GSC Family purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Martha Cary Boyd.*



Kristen Lavelle & GSC Family - April 30, 2019 at 12:12 PM

AA

“ *All our love, #squad (A,T,K,T & A) & Sara Ahmed purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Martha Cary Boyd.*



All our love, #squad (A,T,K,T & A) & Sara Ahmed - April 30, 2019 at 02:01 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Martha Cary Boyd.*



April 29, 2019 at 11:55 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Martha Cary Boyd.*



April 29, 2019 at 07:03 PM

LB

“ *I'm Linda Byrd formerly Linda Forse. I have many fond memories when the Hopkins family lived across the street from us and even when the Hopkins family moved to Zegelar street in Lufkin. So sorry for your loss!!!!*

Linda Byrd - April 28, 2019 at 10:00 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Martha Cary Boyd.*



April 27, 2019 at 06:20 AM



“ *Oh Vicki and family, we hold you in our hearts with deepest sympathy. How well we remember Martha's gracious warmth. We especially remember her pride and happiness at your wedding. God's peace be with you all. Love, Jody, Ann, and Maya*

Jody Blouch - April 26, 2019 at 08:54 PM



“ *The Lown-Sieve family sends our love and sorrow from Maine to the Vorsteg-Boyd's as you face your grief together. We met your mom twice at St. John's, and see her radiant smile in yours, Vicki. A loving mother is the best gift. Love!*

Chris Sieve - April 26, 2019 at 01:23 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Martha Cary Boyd.*



April 26, 2019 at 10:21 AM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Martha Cary Boyd.*



April 26, 2019 at 10:14 AM



“ *So very sorry to hear of your Mother's passing, Vicki. Thinking of you and your family and sending much love. Mary Schwartz*

Mary Schwartz - April 26, 2019 at 10:09 AM



“ *I remember the old days when we all went to St. Paul's. Your mom was always one of my favorite people...so beautiful, loving and kind. I know heaven is celebrating, and the Lord will watch over you, Cheryl, and your family and give you strength. Love you, old friend.*

Denise Leggett - April 25, 2019 at 09:33 PM



“ *I was so glad Martha was teaching at Neches Elementary when my children were in school there. She was a genuinely caring and kind role model. She will be missed by all who knew her.*
Sylvia Baker

Sylvia Baker - April 25, 2019 at 08:18 PM

MR

“ *Margo Riddle lit a candle in memory of Martha Cary Boyd*



Margo Riddle - April 24, 2019 at 09:58 PM

FW

“ *From the family of Mary Waldrop purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Martha Cary Boyd.*



From the family of Mary Waldrop - April 24, 2019 at 10:49 AM