



## Mary Louise (King) Bellis

September 8, 1929 - July 2, 2019

Services for Mary Louise (King) Bellis, 89, of Tyler will be held on Saturday, July 6, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel in Tyler with Rev. Bill Ballou and Rev. Pike Wisner officiating. A private burial will be held at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery in Tyler.

Mrs. Bellis passed away on Tuesday, July 2, 2019 in Oak Hills Terrace in Tyler. She was born on September 8, 1929 in St. Joseph, Missouri to Laurence Earl King Sr. and Hazel Waters King.

Mary graduated from Central High School in St. Joseph in 1947. After graduation, she worked for the Standard Oil Company of Indiana until her marriage to Gerald "Jerry" B. Bellis on September 3, 1949. The couple moved to Rolla, Missouri, where Jerry attended the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy, and Mary worked for the school as cashier. Upon Jerry's graduation in 1951, they moved to New Orleans, LA. During Jerry's career with Chevron, they also lived in Barataria, LA; Jackson, MS; and London, England. Mary worked for Bayou Books, Loumiet Enterprises and Radio Marine Corp. in the New Orleans area and Litton Automated Business Systems in Jackson, MS. Mary and Jerry retired to Lake Palestine in 1989. She was active at the First Baptist Church of Tyler and was a volunteer for SCORE for 13 years.

Mrs. Bellis was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Laurence Earl King Jr.; and her son, John King Bellis. She is survived by her husband of 69 years, Gerald B. Bellis; daughters, Vickie Gerrard (Bob) of Brandon, MS, and Kathryn Bellis of Houston; son, Steve Bellis (Mikie) of Houston; daughter-in-law, Suzanne Bellis of Corona Del Mar, CA; seven grandchildren, Robin Clay (Derek) of Flowood, MS, Holly Holder (Casey) of Brandon, MS, Mitchell Bellis of Astoria, NY, Evan Bellis of Houston, Rachel Root of Houston, Hilarie Bellis of San Francisco, CA, and Avery Bellis of Los Angeles, CA; great-granddaughter, Adalidah Crocker of Flowood, MS; sister-in-law, Mrs. Laurence E. King, Jr. of St. Joseph, MO; nephews, Robert King of Ogden, UT and Clifford King (Donna) of Altamont, MO.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Tyler at 301 W. Ferguson St., Tyler, TX 75702, or a charity of your choice.

Visitation will be held Saturday, July 6, 2019 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler.

# Cemetery Details

**Private Burial**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

JUL 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

### Service

JUL 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Louise (King) Bellis.*

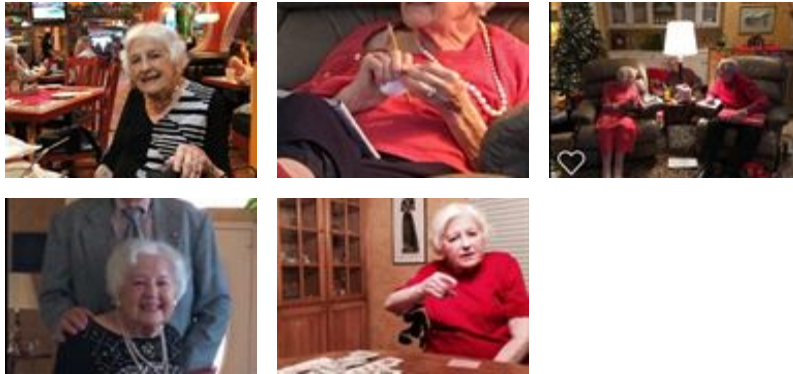


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July 05, 2019 at 02:13 PM



“ *55 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Stewart Family Funeral Home** - July 05, 2019 at 11:00 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Louise (King) Bellis.*



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July 03, 2019 at 10:36 PM

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“ *MS Baptist Medical Center - ADMINISTRATION purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Mary Louise (King) Bellis.*



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**MS Baptist Medical Center - ADMINISTRATION** - July 03, 2019  
at 03:43 PM

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“ *Felicia, Tina, BL., Amanda, Amy x2, Bobbi F. purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Mary Louise (King) Bellis.*



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**Felicia, Tina, BL., Amanda, Amy x2, Bobbi F.** - July 03, 2019 at  
03:27 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Louise (King) Bellis.*



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July 03, 2019 at 02:51 PM

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“ *What a sweet friend. Always with a smile. So grateful to have had the opportunity to know her.*

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**Joanne Williams** - July 03, 2019 at 11:00 AM