



Mary Chandler Shaw

July 16, 1936 - February 24, 2009

Services for Mary Nell Chandler Shaw, 72 of Tyler, will be held on Friday, February 27, 2009 at 11:00 AM at Green Acres Baptist Church with Rev. Paul W. Powell officiating. Burial will follow in Prairie Springs Cemetery in Ben Wheeler, Texas under direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Nell, Beloved Wife, Mother and Nanna, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Tuesday, February 24, 2009. She was born July 16, 1936 to Wesley and Cordie Mae Chandler. She was raised on the family's farm in Ben Wheeler, Texas with her two sisters and brother. Growing up, Nell loved to ride horses, especially Dixie. It was in Ben Wheeler on a beautiful day in April 1958 that a long time acquaintance got brave enough to send his little brother into the local café and ask Nell to come out to his car. She accepted the invitation; that was the beginning of a spring and summer filled with love and romance and she then married Bob Shaw in August 1958. As a graduate of Draughn Business School in Dallas, Nell began her professional career at General Electric, in Tyler. She then worked at Dresser Industries for 17 years followed by Brookshire Grocery Company for 16 in the Communications /Advertising Department. She was a member of Green Acres Baptist Church for 45 years where she served the Lord through music. She was a member of the choir and the Reflections Ensemble. Nell also served as the third grade children's choir director for 25 years. She served in various other capacities in the Children's and Youth Ministry at GABC as well. Nell was passionate about her community and demonstrated this through her involvement with the PTA

where she served as President and was a lifetime member. Nell was also President of Desk and Derrick. Nell's deep devotion, love of laughter and zeal for life was contagious. She loved to cook, paint, play the piano and was an avid gardener. She touched countless people with her steadfast love and encouragement. This led to many beautiful friendships. Each friendship was uniquely special to her which was evident by the steady stream of people whom visited her while she was ill. Even during her most challenging times she cared deeply about each person. Nell was a two time breast cancer survivor. She was very active in fundraising events for breast cancer. One year ago she was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. She embraced this challenge with dignity and grace as she did everything else in life. Nell was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Patsy Tiller and brother Don Chandler. Mary Nell Chandler Shaw is survived by her loving family including her husband of 50 years Bob Shaw; daughters, Joni Ortega and husband Doug, Becky Deweese Sampson and husband William; her son Scott Shaw; grandchildren, Candace Bridges and husband Payton, Blake Ortega and Ashley Deweese; step-grandchild Hannah Sampson; and her sister Peggy Sides along with numerous nieces and nephews. The family would like to extend their heartfelt appreciation to the wonderful doctors and staff at Tyler Cancer Center; Baylor Dallas Hospital; Mother Frances Hospital, Dawson 3rd Floor; Home Care and Hospice of East Texas and Hospice of East Texas Home Place. Pallbearers will be Jamie Shaw, Thomas Wyszynski, Chris French, Ben McFadden, Jim Powell and Hershell Pruitt. The family will receive visitors from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. Thursday, February 26, 2009 at Stewart Family Funeral Home 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, Texas 75703. Memorials in honor of Mary Nell Chandler Shaw may be made to The Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, Texas 75701. For more information or to express condolences, visit www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

JC

“ Dear Bob, Children and Grands,

I am sad to hear about Nell's death. Please accept my sincere condolence and prayers for your family.

In Him, Juawiece

Jawiece Campbell - February 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Those that knew Nell loved her and were lucky. Always smiling and genuinely concerned for others. Nell was not only my cousin but my friend. I will surely miss her but will always have the highest admiration for her spirit and great faith. I know she is now smiling with God.

*With Love,
Kim*

Kimberleigh Garrett Pitner - February 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Shaw family: We are sorry for your loss! We are praying for you thru these difficult times. We have fond memories of Mrs. Shaw and her sweet kind loving spirit. We love you!

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matt 5:4

Kathy Bahadoorsingh - February 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ *Bob and family,*

I am so sorry for your loss.

Nell meant the world to me and was such a dear friend. She was the most kind, special spirit I've ever known, who always had a smile for me or something funny to share.

My heart is heavy for her and for all of you during this difficult time.

She will be truly missed by so many. She was so loved.

You are in my prayers.

Amy

Amy Brookshire - February 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Bob and Family,*

Nell is being remembered at Brookshire's as a kind, loving, wonderful person who will be missed so much by all who knew her. Her friendship has meant so much to me through the years.

Her courage, strength, and faith as she fought this illness have been an inspiration to all.

We know she is in a beautiful place where there is no more pain and suffering.

Jan Barton - February 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ *Bob, please know that our thought's and prayer's are with you and your family.*

Lynda and Gilbert Smith

Gilbert & Lynda Smith - February 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CA

“*Nell's indelible spirit, unconquerable courage and enduring grace was a model for all who knew her. What a shining example of not only how to live, but also how to leave this life. Her fiery spirit and lovely sense of humor, her concern for others-even as she was facing insurmountable issues, her unwavering love for Bob and her family - what an example she set of what it means to be a true child of God. She has touched my life and influenced me in ways no other person ever has, and likely no other person ever will. I was blessed to call her my friend. While I will miss her mightily, I know she is rejoicing in the arms of God, everyone who knew her can take comfort in that undeniable truth. Her leaving has created a void, but because of the way she lived it is a void filled with hope and endurance.*

Carla Alexander - February 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MW

“*We were so sorry to hear of Nell's death. She was truly everything her obituary expressed. It was my pleasure to have know her and worked with her in PTA and as a neighbor to her also. Our prayers or with you all.*

Thomas and Martha West

martha west - February 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CP

“*I first met Nell when we were Bowling for Junior Achievemant. I have never met a more sweeter or kinder person than Nell. My thoughts and Prayers are with you.*

Connie Pessink - February 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ *Heaven is sounding sweeter today because Nell is there. I pray the comfort of the Holy Spirit will be with your family during this difficult time. Nell and I shared many praise reports, prayer requests and sweet e-mails. I'm glad I could call her my friend.*

Glenda Martin & Anne Knight - February 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM