



Mary Howe

December 1, 1936 - February 28, 2013

Mary Ellen Winstead Howe, 76, died February 28, 2013 in the comfort of her home surrounded by loved ones after an extended illness following heart surgery.

She was born December 1, 1936, in Louin, Mississippi to Bonnie Dee and Thomas Trumer Winstead. The family moved to Magee, Mississippi at an early age where shortly after high school graduation she met and married her husband of 41 years, Bernard Frederick Howe. With Fred's work in the oil industry at Continental Oil Company, the couple lived and traveled the world from Wyoming, Oklahoma, and Texas to London, England where Mary Ellen developed her artistic talent creating brass rubbing impressions of famous English tombstones. Eventually landing in Corpus Christi, Texas, she began her 33 year career in the retail industry starting with managing the ladies ready-to-wear department for Dillard's to eventually running her own boutique, mEllen's, in Tyler for over 10 years. Later she became a regular volunteer at East Texas Medical Center and served in the gift shop. Residing in the Emerald Bay Community for 35 years, she enjoyed traveling, golf, tap dancing, china painting, and Women's Club, serving as past president. Mary Ellen was a member of Green Acres Baptist Church, and her strong faith in God was ever present in her life from a young child to her challenging end days. Her love of people provided a wide circle of friends that created a wealth of memories. Dearest to her heart, though, was the blessing of a large

network of family members who shared the closeness and values taught by her parents. Her friends and family will always remember her quick wit and sense of humor along with that occasional joke. We will forever miss the sparkle in her eye and her beautiful smile.

The family would like to express our deepest appreciation of the loving care and comfort Mary Ellen received from East Texas Medical Center, Hospice of East Texas, the caregivers of Right At Home, and especially to Dr. Stephen Rydzak, Dr. Stephanie Diaz, and the entire staff of Tyler Home Dialysis.

Mary Ellen was preceded in death by her husband Fred, her parents, brother J. R. (Buddy) Winstead of Hattiesburg, MS, and sisters Jean W. McCullough of Birmingham, AL, and Iris W. Clark of Water Valley, MS.

She leaves to cherish her memory her daughter, Vicki Pinch and husband Clayton of Plano, TX, son Richard Howe and wife Sharon of San Antonio, 1 grandson, Thomas Howe, 4 granddaughters, Morgan Pinch, Sydney Pinch, Madeline Howe and Mallorie Howe, 2 sisters, Nan W. Craven of Magee, MS, and Gloria W. Sowell and husband Ralph Sowell Jr. of Jackson, MS as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and her very close friend of 10 years, Paul Randolph of Bullard, TX.

Funeral Services will be Monday, March 4, 2013 at 11:30 a.m. at Stewart Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Darryle Dunks of Emerald Bay Community Church officiating. Visitation will be 5 – 7 pm on Sunday, March 3,

Cemetery Details

Magee City Cemetery

Magee, MS

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

MAR 4 (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Mary Ellen's Family and Friends. Her obituary is a beautiful tribute to a beautiful person. I am so happy Mary Ellen had a wonderful life, always surrounded by Family and friends. I know Heaven welcomed sweet Mary Ellen with open arms....Love to you all, especially my sister-in-law, Gloria Sowell, who I dearly love.*

Judy Lucius - March 02, 2013 at 02:13 PM

PC

“ *Paige & Alan Colby lit a candle in memory of Mary Howe*



Paige & Alan Colby - March 02, 2013 at 02:00 PM

JM

“ *Jill Miceli lit a candle in memory of Mary Howe*



Jill Miceli - March 02, 2013 at 01:58 PM

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“ *Aimee, Alexis, And Carrington McPherson lit a candle in memory of Mary Howe*



Aimee, Alexis, and Carrington McPherson - March 02, 2013 at 11:57 AM

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“ *Judy And Jim Lucius lit a candle in memory of Mary Howe*



Judy and Jim Lucius - March 02, 2013 at 11:42 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Howe.*



March 02, 2013 at 09:17 AM