



## Maxine Cookston Evans

August 23, 1936 - February 15, 2023

Our Yellow Rose of Texas, Laura Maxine Cookston Evans, went to be with our Lord and the love of her life, Everett, on February 15, 2023.

Maxine was born on August 23, 1936 in Royce City, Texas to Max Earl and Geneva Nell Jackson Cookston.

She and Everett met in the 8th grade when they were elected Queen & King of their class. Their courtship began on a date to the Texas O.U. football game. Later love blossomed as they shared a train ride with Young Life to Star Ranch in Colorado. Maxine and Everett were married on December 18, 1953. Three daughters, Shelley, Kelley and Holley quickly arrived and they also welcomed her brother, Ron, age 11, to their family.

Texas strong, Maxine, put her heart into family and friends as well a love for family history. As a young homemaker in Tyler, her focus extended to her beautiful home to be enjoyed with her daughters, their friends and families, making fun memories, too many to count over 6 decades.

Maxine was The First Lady of Shriners as she served alongside her husband, Everett, as he was Chairman of The Board of the Shriners Hospitals of North America. Together they toured 19 Shriners Orthopedic hospitals, 13 Shriners Burn Institutes and numerous organizations.

She was a charter member of The Tyler Doll Club, Daughters of The Republic of Texas, Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of The Confederacy, Oakwood Cemetery Restoration committee and The Madame Alexander Doll Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Everett M. Evans and her parents.

Maxine is survived by her loving family of three daughters and their spouses, Shelley and Randy Ziehe, Kelley and Lonny Uzzell, Holley and Eddie Howard; her six grandchildren and their spouses, Ryan and Amanda Ziehe, John and Amber Howard, Kaitlin Ziehe, Mark and Sara Uzzell, Jerrad and Jaymie Howard, Matt and Claire Uzzell; and eight great-grandchildren. Maxine is also survived by her brother, Dr. Ron and his wife, Mary Cookston; and his two sons Jeff and Emery Cookston.

Pallbearers: Ryan Ziehe, John Howard, Mark Uzzell, Jerrad Howard, Matt Uzzell, Emery Cookston, Kaitlin Ziehe and Jeff Cookston.

Services will be held Sunday, February 19, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. with Rev. Gerry Giles officiating at Stewart Family Funeral Home. Reception will follow the service. Private graveside will be held at Cathedral in the Pines.

Memorials may be made to The Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd, Tyler, TX 75701 ([www.hospiceofeasttexas.org](http://www.hospiceofeasttexas.org)); or Sharon Shriner's Transportation and Memorial fund, 10027 Hwy 31, Tyler TX 75707 ([www.sharonshriners.com](http://www.sharonshriners.com)).

# Previous Events

## Reception following service

FEB 17 (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home Hospitality Room  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703

## Service

FEB 19. 2:30 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Maxine Cookston Evans



Stewart Family Funeral Home - February 17, 2023 at 09:24 AM

CD

*Thank you for letting me see what a wonderful legacy maxine has left behind. She was always a walking dictionary of doll and many other information. I feel very blessed to have known her. My deepest prayers for your family and so many loved ones. Cheri*

cheri Davis - February 17, 2023 at 08:25 PM



*Wonderful picture & looks just like her! She & her husband raised 3 lovely daughters who I get to often visit with. Will miss her. Carolyn Halbrooks Bain*

Carolyn Bain - February 18, 2023 at 12:03 PM

PS

*Like a ray of sunshine, memories spent with Maxine around dolls will always warm my heart. She taught us many things by being an example of goodness, kindness, and living life to the fullest. I am honored to have been blessed with her as a part of my life through Doll Club & other doll events as our Shows, Rose Festival, Tyler Library displays, and many of the organizations she shared with all of us.*

Pat Schlau - February 19, 2023 at 12:04 PM

WS

“ My sister Joy Dale and I remember Maxine as a frequent visitor in our home as a good friend of our sister Jacqueline! She was always full of fun and she and Everett were lifelong friends to Jacqueline and her husband John Charles Ramsay. Precious friendships! Wishing blessings on her family!

Wynette Schwalm - February 23, 2023 at 04:48 PM

KU

Thank you! She spoke often of Jacqueline and John Charles.

Kelley Uzzell - February 25, 2023 at 09:22 PM

EJ

“ Kelly,  
My thoughts & prayers for you and family for peace and comfort.  
Elva Pool Jones

Elva R Jones - February 20, 2023 at 08:59 AM

KU

Thank you!

Kelley Uzzell - February 25, 2023 at 09:23 PM

CW

“ Mrs Maxine, so at a loss of words right now. I love you and you will forever be in my heart. I know you are with your husband and resting. Until we meet again. Cindy



Cindy Williams - February 20, 2023 at 12:12 AM

KU



**Kelley Uzzell** - February 25, 2023 at 09:23 PM

PS

“ *Pat Schlau lit a candle in memory of Maxine Cookston Evans*



**Pat Schlau** - February 19, 2023 at 11:52 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Maxine Cookston Evans.*



February 18, 2023 at 12:27 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Maxine Cookston Evans.*



February 18, 2023 at 11:09 AM

GS

“ I was saddened to see your Mom's notice in the paper this morning. I got to know Mrs. Evans at Atria. It was a pleasure to talk to her and I remember besides her love for her family, she loved Tyler and had some interesting tales to tell me.

I can see like just yesterday Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Pyron sitting together at the table next to my Dad's dining table. I am so glad I got to know her, and God bless you guys during this difficult time.

Gary Salyer

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Gary Salyer - February 18, 2023 at 09:57 AM

KU



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Kelley Uzzell - February 25, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maxine Cookston Evans.



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February 17, 2023 at 10:21 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Maxine Cookston Evans.



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February 17, 2023 at 07:43 PM

CH

“ My deepest sympathies to the family. My mother was Sabrina Patman and my “Granny” is Anna Adams. I would always hear about “Cinee” through Granny and my mom always had fond memories of her cousins. I know they found each other in Heaven and will watch over all of us until we can be with them again. Much love and deepest condolences to this wonderful family.

Chelsea - February 17, 2023 at 07:30 PM



Thank you Chelsea for sharing your memories. Your “granny” was like a sister to mother. We hood dear the beloved memories with Sabrina. Hugs to you and your family❤️

Holley Howard - February 18, 2023 at 07:50 AM

KU



Kelley Uzzell - February 25, 2023 at 09:24 PM

KS

“ My deepest condolences Shelley, Kelley and Holley. Your mom was such a beautiful soul, great friend to my mom and always so much fun when we were growing up. Her smile and joy filled the room and she was so proud of her girls. I'm sure she and your dad are together again and will be watching over you all forever. God Bless you and your family.  
Kathy Spence Snodgrass



Kathy Snodgrass - February 17, 2023 at 06:18 PM

JH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



John Howard - February 17, 2023 at 01:18 PM

KH

“ Such a beautiful soul who loved with her whole heart. Grateful for her life. She loved big and lived large and will forever live in my heart and memory. Until we meet again...

Kim Henslee - February 17, 2023 at 12:47 PM

KH

“ Kim Henslee lit a candle in memory of Maxine Cookston Evans



Kim Henslee - February 17, 2023 at 12:42 PM

YF

“ Your Tyler Doll Friends purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Maxine Cookston Evans.



Your Tyler Doll Friends - February 17, 2023 at 11:40 AM

MB

“ *Mary Berry lit a candle in memory of Maxine Cookston Evans*



Mary Berry - February 17, 2023 at 10:22 AM

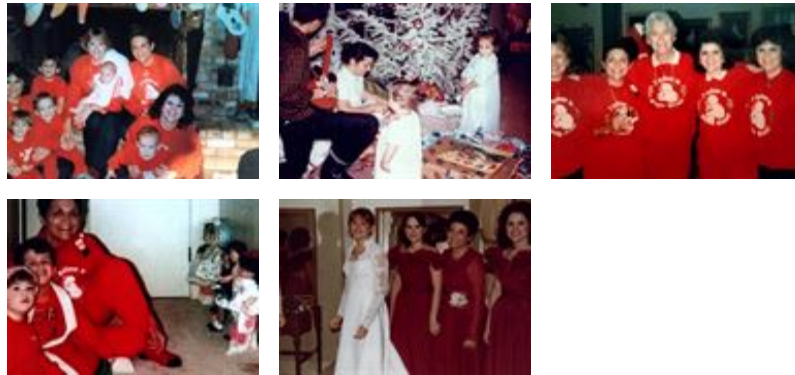
MB

*No truer friend, no more generous spirit, no kinder soul....She will be right at home in Heaven because she was an angel here on earth. Love and prayers to Shelley, Kelley, Holley and their families.*

Mary Berry - February 17, 2023 at 10:22 AM



“ 111 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - February 17, 2023 at 09:22 AM

JS

“ *What a beautiful soul Maxine was! I have such sweet memories. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Julia McMahan Shelton*



Julia McMahan Shelton - February 17, 2023 at 09:11 AM

DC

“ *Denise Bobo Connolly lit a candle in memory of Maxine Cookston Evans*



Denise Bobo Connolly - February 16, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Maxine Cookston Evans.*



February 16, 2023 at 10:42 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Maxine Cookston Evans.*



February 16, 2023 at 08:05 PM

KU

“ *Kelley Uzzell lit a candle in memory of Maxine Cookston Evans*



Kelley Uzzell - February 16, 2023 at 06:49 PM