



Maymerle Shirley Brown

October 28, 1936 - June 2, 2017

Maymerle was a true Southern lady and will be remembered most for her charismatic personality, beauty both inside and outside, genuine kindness towards others, great organizational skills and that big, beautiful smile. She passed away Friday, June 2, 2017. A celebration of her life will be held Monday, June 5, 2017, at 2:00 pm at Christ Episcopal Church. Following the service, friends are invited to join the family for a reception in the Parish Hall. Born on October 28, 1936, Maymerle was adopted from The Gladney Home in Fort Worth by Maymerle and Dr. Clayton Shirley. She attended Tyler public schools and graduated from Tyler High in 1954. Swimming was a passion as a child and she competed in the Junior Olympics during her teenage years with the help of UT Swim Coach, Hank Chapman. She attended The University of Texas at Austin for 3 years and was very active during her Longhorn years as a Chi Omega, Sweetheart of UT nominee and semi-finalist for Bluebonnet Belle/Top 10 Beauty on Campus. With her hospitable spirit and contagious enthusiasm, Maymerle reigned as the 1955 Texas Rose Festival Queen. Mitch Miller honored her during the year with a special copy of his "Yellow Rose of Texas" gold record.

In the fall of 1957, Maymerle married Robert Y. Brown, Junior, whom she had dated since the 10th grade. After two years of living in California at Beale Air Force Base, they returned to Tyler to raise their family. She immediately became involved in the community working a long, varied list of jobs in the Texas Rose Festival, Junior League of Tyler, Tyler Museum of Art, Chi Omega

Alumnae Association, and Women's Symphony League. She was a member of the Gertrude Windsor Garden Club and the Marion Wilcox Junior Garden Club. One of her proudest moments was serving as the President of the Junior League of Tyler in 1974-1975. Like a true leader, she had the innate ability to engage others to serve in the community right along with her. For Maymerle and Bobby, their most important priority was their family. She was the biggest cheerleader for her four children and eventually grandchildren. Whether cooking, baking, creating a nurturing home or attending the many, many sporting events, she was a constant positive influence for her beloved family. She was a marvelous cook and her treasured recipes will be enjoyed by family and friends for years to come. She loved to share her sweet rolls, dill pickles, jelly, pumpkin bread, lasagna, BBQ and chocolate cake, just to name a few. Many happy times were spent in her kitchen and around the dining table enjoying the special meals she prepared for her family. She also loved to garden and took great pride in sharing the beauty of her backyard.

Without a doubt, Maymerle's eight grandchildren were the highlights of her life. Seven grandsons and one granddaughter who called her Grandma or Mimi. She lived vicariously through each one of them with their sports, fun adventures and travel.

Maymerle leaves behind a legacy of four children and eight grandchildren, including son, Bobby Brown and wife, Kim, and grandsons, Robert Brown and Kendall Brown and wife, Jocelyn Brown; son, Doug Brown and wife, Ann, and grandsons, Renner and Rowen Brown; son, Mike Brown and wife, Joanna, and grandson, Peyton Brown; and daughter, Sharon Brown Wynne and husband, James and grandchildren, Madeline, Chet and Russell Wynne. She is also survived by her brother, Mike Shirley. Life would not have been nearly as much fun without her special friends, Damaris Moore, her best friend for 75 years, and Tom Baldassarri.

Even faced with battles with lupus and cancer, Maymerle maintained her positive attitude and gracious spirit. Thank you to the Christus Trinity Mother

Frances doctors, Hospice of East Texas and the wonderful ladies with Hamptons Plus Care: Robbie Brown, Gail Beck, Evelene Lewis, Angie Montgomery, Glenda Akins, Deandra Johnson, Julia Swain, and Zahra Touray for their devoted care.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in honor of Maymerle Brown may be made to The Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX, 75701 or Christ Episcopal Church, 118 S. Bois d'Arc Avenue, Tyler, TX, 75702.

Previous Events

Mem. Service

JUN 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

Christ Episcopal Church
118 South Bois d' Arc
Tyler, TX 75702

Visitation and reception after service

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Tribute Wall

EJ

“ *Maymerle and I first met in grade school in 1942 and last saw each other at THS's 60th reunion in 2014. I'm so sorry she has passed away. She was an absolutely beautiful lady and a part of the very heart and soul of Tyler. May she rest in peace.*

*With Deepest Sympathy to her Loved Ones,
Elizabeth (Connally) Jackson*

Elizabeth Jackson - June 05, 2017 at 01:46 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Maymerle Shirley Brown.*



June 05, 2017 at 12:53 PM

JM

“ *We have been lucky to be part of the extended Brown family for over 20 years year and have always been the beneficiary of her grace and charm in sharing our grandchildren's progress and other events such as weddings with her, - and until recently, Bob. She certainly will be missed in Tyler - and in this small corner of Shreveport.*

Our condolences to the Brown family and close friends of her.

Janice and Bob Martina - June 04, 2017 at 05:38 PM

FF

“ I, like others, remember Maymerle from the swim team. I'm a "little" younger than Maymerle, but she always had a smile and time for all. I do share another memory with Maymerle... we both came from the Edna Gladney Home. A number of Tylerites from our generation were also adopted from Gladney. My condolences for your loss, but her memory will always be a special part of my Tyler childhood.

Fred Fifer

Fred Fifer - June 04, 2017 at 05:17 PM

JW

“ I have lots of happy memories of attending Gary, Hogg, and Tyler High with her and swimming on the swim team with her. She will be missed. So sorry for your loss.

*Jane Casey Winn
Tyler High Class of 1954*

JANE C. WINN - June 03, 2017 at 11:39 AM

LT

“ So sorry to hear about Maymerle's passing. She was a wonderful lady.

Linda Thomas

Linda Ryan Thomas - June 03, 2017 at 11:00 AM

DG

“ *Very saddened to hear of Maymerle's passing but thankful to have known such a lady as long as I have.
Graduated from THS with her in 1954.*

*Dee Gill
Edgewood, TX*

Dee Gill - June 03, 2017 at 09:22 AM