



Mila Criss Hightower

April 14, 1959 - July 30, 2017

Memorial services for Mila Criss Hightower, 58, of Tyler, will be held on Wednesday, August 2, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. at Green Acres Baptist Church Chapel with Dr. David Dykes and Rev. Bryan Grant officiating under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mila passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 30, 2017 embracing her two daughters and surrounded by family and friends.

She was born April 14, 1959 in Austin, Texas to Richard and Patricia Criss.

Mila was a Godly woman, dedicated and loving mother, an inspirational leader and a passionate Texas Tech Red Raider fanatic known for her adventurous spirit, thirst for life and contagious optimism.

A woman full of love and life, Mila would want you to take this news and turn it into a reason to hug longer and love more deeply those who are close to you.

In light of this turn of events, our family all the more rejoices in sin forgiven and the promise of eternal life in Christ Jesus.

Left to cherish Mila's memory are her daughters; Erin Richter and her husband Lee, Katie Bird and her husband Kyle; her sisters Maureen Mathis and Kathy Barker; and a very large extended family!

Rather than customary condolences, at Mila's request, donations may be made to PATH (People Attempting To Help), 402 W. Front Street, Tyler, TX 75702; www.pathhelps.org.

Special thanks to her travel group and those that cared for her during her brief illness.

Previous Events

Mem. Service

AUG 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

Green Acres Baptist Church - Chapel
1607 Troup Hwy
Tyler, TX 75701

Tribute Wall

CG

“ *She was so kind and beautiful 🙏🙏🙏*

Carla S Glasenapp - July 31, 2020 at 11:53 AM

JF

“ *Joe Richter & Family purchased the Rays of Light Spray for the family of Mila Criss Hightower.*



Joe Richter & Family - August 01, 2017 at 06:08 PM

LB

“ *The Jentz family is so very sorry for your loss. Mila will be greatly missed. She was an amazing, beautiful woman who had the most contagious smile. She accomplished so much in such a short time.*

I remember when Mila, Maureen, Kathy and all the other neighborhood kids came to play in our front yard since we didn't have trees. We would play Red Rover, Spud, do cartwheels, etc. Once we got the pool, we would play out front and once we got too hot we would jump in the pool and play games like Marco Polo or see what crazy stuff we could do off the diving board.

I don't remember where we were or who was there but I do remember we were jumping up on our bottoms and sliding across the stage. When Mila did it for the last time, she got a big piece of the stage wood stuck in her bottom and ended up having to get stitches.

The whole Criss family has always been a big part of the Jentz family lives. Everyone that knew Mila was blessed just by knowing this wonderful lady.

Lori Jentz Baze and the Jentz Family

Lori Jentz Baze - August 01, 2017 at 01:35 PM

MH

“ *The Hodson Family made a donation to PATH in memory of Mila. Mila was dynamic, energetic, smart and tons of fun. She loved life and people. Mila was quite an inspiration and will be missed terribly. So thankful to Jesus that we had a 40 year friendship on earth and one that will last for all eternity. We love you Mila!!!*

Mesa Hodson - August 01, 2017 at 12:27 PM

AT

“ Allison and Team & Ken and Team purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mila Criss Hightower.



Allison and Team & Ken and Team - August 01, 2017 at 11:44 AM

CS

“ The Scruggs Family has made a donation to PATH in Mila's memory. You are our angel and we'll miss you very, very much! Love to you and your amazing family!

Criss, Richard, Samantha, Ali Scruggs - August 01, 2017 at 11:39 AM

MT

“ The Channel Team and Marketing Team at McAfee have made a donation to PATH to honor the legacy of Mila Hightower. Katie, please know that we are thinking of you and your family. Please accept our deepest condolences for your family's loss.

McAfee Channel and Marketing Teams - August 01, 2017 at 10:25 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mila Criss Hightower.



August 01, 2017 at 10:20 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mila Criss Hightower.



August 01, 2017 at 08:18 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mila Criss Hightower.



August 01, 2017 at 01:58 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mila Criss Hightower.



August 01, 2017 at 01:53 AM



“ Mila was a very special lady to me and I know she will be greatly missed. I was blessed to work with her briefly while she was at Mercy Ships and was in the same Sunday School class. The thing I remember the most about Mila was her incredible smile and joyous spirit. My thoughts and prayers are with all her family.

Donna Rayborn - July 31, 2017 at 11:00 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mila Criss Hightower.*



July 31, 2017 at 10:37 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mila Criss Hightower.*



July 31, 2017 at 09:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mila Criss Hightower.*



July 31, 2017 at 09:15 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mila Criss Hightower.*



July 31, 2017 at 08:26 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mila Criss Hightower.* ”



July 31, 2017 at 08:20 PM