



Theresa Anne Marie Giustra

May 9, 1964 - July 25, 2016

Memorial services for Theresa Anne Marie Russell Giustra (nee Rodgers), 52, of Bullard, will be held on Saturday, July 30, 2016 at 2:00 PM, at Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler with The Very Reverend M.L. Agnew officiating. Mrs. Giustra passed away Monday, July 25, 2016 in Bullard.

Theresa was born May 9, 1964 in Des Moines, IA to Marlin and Barbara Hebel Rodgers.

She was the loving, dedicated and supportive mother of her two children, Kyle Russell of Grand Prairie, TX, and Shelby Russell of Spring, TX. She was a wonderful wife and companion to John Giustra of Bullard, TX, for over twenty years. Theresa was an employee of Nokia, Alcatel-Lucent, Lucent Technologies and AT&T in positions of office management, events planning and order management for over thirty-two years. She was a highly rated employee and an important part of the success of her organizations. Theresa was a graduate of Eden Prairie High School, where she attended her senior year, while previously attending Bellevue West High School in Bellevue, NE. She is preceded in death by her father, Marlin Rodgers; and nephews Christopher Rodgers and Nicholas Daniels.

She is survived by her loving family including her husband, John; children Kyle Russell and fiancée Claire Jones of Grand Prairie, TX and Shelby Russell and fiancé Jon Shuler of Spring, TX; mother, Barbara Rodgers of Eden Prairie, MN; and six siblings Scott Rodgers and wife Becky of Colorado Springs, CO, Liz Daniels of Chandler, AZ, Craig Rodgers and wife Sally of

Bellevue, NE, Diane Flynn and husband Bob of Anthem, AZ, Tom Rodgers and wife Sharon of Bloomington, MN, and Dan Rodgers and wife Nikki of Chaska, MN.

John and Theresa lived previously in Southlake, TX, for over fifteen years and have many wonderful and loving friends in the area that are sharing in the family's grief. Friends and neighbors in Eagles Bluff in Bullard have opened their hearts and have shown their love and support which is greatly appreciated.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Pets Fur People, 1823 CR 386, Tyler, TX 75708.

Previous Events

Mem. Service

JUL **30**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Theresa Anne Marie Giustra



Stewart Family Funeral Home - July 30, 2016 at 01:56 PM

MA

Beautiful service for a beautiful person Thank you Theresa for loving and bringing joy to our Father for so many wonderful years. Matt and Cyndi

Matthew - July 30, 2016 at 03:02 PM

KM

“ Theresa's work family loved her very much and our hearts are heavy at the loss of her.

I will miss Theresa who I called "T" very much. We worked together for many years at Nokia / ALU / Lucent supporting the Verizon account. T was so dedicated to our company and our customer and always went the extra mile.

May her family be comforted by all of the lives she has touched over the years.

God has a beautiful new angel.

Karen

Karen McMulkin - August 01, 2016 at 12:42 PM

AA

“ *May Theresa's Memory be eternal. Theresa was such an amazing and beautiful person, always willing to help all of us at Lucent /Alcatel-Lucent, Nokia, etc.. Theresa was a giver, more than a taker. We were truly blessed to have known and got to work with her. I pray to God that we try be a better person, like Theresa was and left an amazing legacy! Even our Verizon Customers, who got to deal with Theresa, were shocked and saddened for the loss of our dear friend. It's unbelievable how Theresa made everyone feel like a friend. God Bless Theresa, her family and friends.*

Sincerely,

Abe Assad

Abe Assad - August 01, 2016 at 10:18 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Theresa Anne Marie Giustra.*



July 30, 2016 at 11:06 AM

SR

“ *My everlasting memory of Theresa is her joy. Always smiling and laughing, Theresa's happiness spread to everyone around her. Her love of family and friends was evident in every story, and photo, as was our love for her. Theresa was a beautiful kind funny soul with a huge heart. A donation to Pets Fur People has been made in her honor. My love and condolences go out to everyone grieving the loss of our dear Theresa. Sharon Rodgers*

Sharon Rodgers - July 29, 2016 at 08:47 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Theresa Anne Marie Giustra.*



July 29, 2016 at 05:21 PM



“ *Papa & Nana, the Pope's, and the Dunn's purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Theresa Anne Marie Giustra.*



Papa & Nana, the Pope's, and the Dunn's - July 29, 2016 at 04:12 PM



“ *Nancy Salisbury purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Theresa Anne Marie Giustra.*



Nancy Salisbury - July 29, 2016 at 11:16 AM

FN

“ I have looked over the comments already made about Theresa. Some really outstanding comments and tributes. It is hard for me to say something that has not already been said. We all know Theresa was a wonderful person. Her passing is a shock to me and her fellow friends and co-workers.

I can remember the first time that I met Theresa. It was at Lake Lanier In Atlanta for a Team Building session. She was working the sign in desk, and when I first saw her, wow was my reaction. She was stunning. I did not know it at the time, but she was a beautiful on the inside as she was on the outside.

She will be missed:-(

Frank Noviello - July 29, 2016 at 08:20 AM

 Donna
Lawson

“ Our heartfelt prayers go out to Theresa's family and friends. In her memory a donation has been made to Pets Fur People. GOD bless and keep you all in his loving arms during this difficult time.

Clint and Donna (Flynn) Lawson

Donna Lawson - July 28, 2016 at 10:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Theresa Anne Marie Giustra.*



July 28, 2016 at 10:03 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Theresa Anne Marie Giustra.*



July 28, 2016 at 09:26 PM



“ *The Dew Boys of Eagle's Bluff purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Theresa Anne Marie Giustra.*



The Dew Boys of Eagle's Bluff - July 28, 2016 at 05:33 PM



“ *Very sad and sorry to hear about Theresa. I worked with her for many years at Alcatel-Lucent. Theresa was so kind, friendly, helpful, smart — just a wonderful person and a great co-worker. When we were assigned support each year, I always felt blessed when I had the opportunity to work with Theresa. We talked often on the phone – loved her sweet, caring voice, her positive, can-do attitude and her amusing laugh always made me laugh! I could always count on Theresa and I know my co-workers felt the same way -- she was very special and everyone loved her. Sending prayers to all her family and friends.*

Mary Gruber

Mary Gruber - July 28, 2016 at 05:21 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Theresa Anne Marie Giustra.*



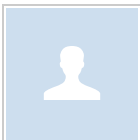
July 28, 2016 at 03:25 PM



“ *John G. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Theresa Anne Marie Giustra.*



John G. - July 28, 2016 at 12:26 PM



“ *Tropical Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Theresa Anne Marie Giustra.*



July 28, 2016 at 10:39 AM



“ *Theresa was an amazing person and such a fantastic colleague. She was always so friendly, supportive and helpful. She will be greatly missed by all of us. Our deepest condolences and sympathies to your family.*

Chantha Nhem - July 28, 2016 at 10:18 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Theresa Anne Marie Giustra.*



July 27, 2016 at 07:44 PM



“ *Connie Golden sent a virtual gift in memory of Theresa Anne Marie Giustra*



Connie Golden - July 27, 2016 at 07:20 PM



Love

Connie Golden - July 27, 2016 at 07:22 PM



“ *Mike and Debbie Boyd purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Theresa Anne Marie Giustra.*



Mike and Debbie Boyd - July 27, 2016 at 05:55 PM

Nikki
Rodgers

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Nikki Rodgers - July 27, 2016 at 05:15 PM

CC

“ *Carmen Carlson lit a candle in memory of Theresa Anne Marie Giustra*



Carmen Carlson - July 27, 2016 at 05:10 PM

FJ

“ *Having spent many days in the home of Theresa and John as a pet sitter and "Gram" to their beloved pets Dixie and Cocoa (and Lulu before she died), I share the pain of family and friends who grieve the loss of such a truly beautiful person. Theresa was just as kind, generous, loving and caring as she was beautiful and her life was a rich blessing to us all. My thoughts and prayers are with John and family members as well as with Dixie and Cocoa. I am very glad to contribute to Pets Fur People in her memory.*

Frances Johnson

Frances Johnson - July 27, 2016 at 04:40 PM

TT

“ *The Tyson Mountain Team purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Theresa Anne Marie Giustra.*



The Tyson Mountain Team - July 27, 2016 at 04:25 PM

GA

“ *I send my deepest condolences to the family of Theresa Giustra. I worked with Theresa thru the years between our tenures with Alcatel-Lucent and Nokia. Theresa was a hard worker who had a passion for her job. We will all miss her and send our prayers.. God bless. From: George L. Acton with Goodman Networks.*

George L. Acton - July 27, 2016 at 03:00 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Theresa Anne Marie Giustra.*



July 27, 2016 at 01:59 PM

WB

“ *We love you Shelby! Scott, Christy and The Boys purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Theresa Anne Marie Giustra.*



We love you Shelby! Scott, Christy and The Boys - July 27, 2016 at 01:10 PM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Theresa Anne Marie Giustra.



July 27, 2016 at 12:00 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Theresa Anne Marie Giustra.



July 27, 2016 at 11:39 AM



“ Derzula Aguila-Griffin, and family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Theresa Anne Marie Giustra.



Derzula Aguila-Griffin, and family - July 27, 2016 at 11:36 AM



“ From your friends at Spencer Stuart purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Theresa Anne Marie Giustra.



From your friends at Spencer Stuart - July 27, 2016 at 11:27 AM

PD

“ Paige Dugan lit a candle in memory of
Theresa Anne Marie Giustra



Paige Dugan - July 27, 2016 at 09:53 AM

DS

“ My heart is saddened to hear of the loss of a favorite childhood
friend. I will always cherish our times together. My thoughts and
prayers for her beautiful family during this difficult time. Donna
Soesbe Smith

Donna Soesbe Smith - July 27, 2016 at 09:13 AM

JD

“ Jonelle Daviau lit a candle in memory of
Theresa Anne Marie Giustra



Jonelle Daviau - July 27, 2016 at 08:30 AM

CW

“ Cindy Winslow lit a candle in memory of
Theresa Anne Marie Giustra



Cindy Winslow - July 27, 2016 at 07:02 AM

JW

“ I woke up feeling very sick yesterday and could not figure out the cause. Now I know. Theresa was my best friend in high school and we remained friends ever since. While we lived at a distance, when we reconnected it was as if no time was lost at all. Now our time on earth together is over and I am heartsick. She is/was such a light in so many lives, fun-loving, quick-witted, friendly and fiercely committed to her family, she will be sorely missed. Praying for her babies -- Kyle and Shelby -- who she loved more than words will ever describe. Her pride in the awesome people you have become was evident and her pleasure in your friendship and love immeasurable. John, you were the love of her life. Thank you for making her so happy. To her mom, Barb, and her six siblings, she felt so blessed to be part of your family. Now she's with her Daddy, her nephew and her grandparents, watching over us all. I pray that I can live my life in a way that she'll be proud of and that she'll give me guidance and love from above.

Jennifer Lee Wilson - July 27, 2016 at 01:10 AM

RK

“ Heard the sad news today - Theresa was a great girl - she will be missed by all her knew her!! My thoughts and prayers go out to her family!!

Rich Kaczmariski - July 26, 2016 at 10:18 PM



“ I am deeply saddened by this news. T was a great friend and truly a wonderful person. No words can adequately describe how I am feeling about losing her. To her family my heart goes out to you. May God give you strength and help you find peace. T had such an amazing presence about her. She lit up every room she ever walked into. She was beautiful and it only took a second of talking to her to realize she was even more beautiful inside. We had a lot of laughs and good times. I will remember her that way. Prayers.

Brian Goodwin - July 26, 2016 at 07:08 PM



“ Kay Moody lit a candle in memory of Theresa Anne Marie Giustra



Kay Moody - July 26, 2016 at 05:15 PM



My thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Theresa. I was just text messaging with her a few weeks ago and as always, she was extremely helpful. I know she will be missed.

Kay Moody - July 26, 2016 at 05:17 PM



“ Michelle Pierce lit a candle in memory of Theresa Anne Marie Giustra



Michelle Pierce - July 26, 2016 at 03:27 PM

BA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



becky Arison - July 26, 2016 at 01:59 PM

BA

*Sweet Theresa,
I feel like I am in a fog. I pray for John, Kyle, and Shelby, may the good Lord comfort them and may their memories always be a reminder of the Special wife/mother she was to them, and dear friend to so many of us. Her laugh was infectious, and her smile was so beautiful. Her kind and loving ways will be missed...xoxoxo
Your Loving Friend,
Becky Arison*

becky Arison - July 26, 2016 at 02:08 PM

KK

“ *Theresa and I got to know each other from working together at Nokia. She was a very special person, with a terrific sense of humor - she could always put you in good spirits. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends during this difficult time. She will be missed.*

Keith Karum - July 26, 2016 at 01:45 PM

CC

“ To the family of Theresa, My heart hurts for you at the news of her sudden passing. Having worked with her over the years, Theresa was one in a million and truly a wonderfully supportive coworker who was always ready to lend a helping hand and meet an urgent customer need. She loved life as her family gave her such joy. May your faith be your guide and may you be comforted in your memories of her beautiful smile and joyful personality. She will be terribly missed.

Chris Conroy - Pentwater Michigan

Chris Conroy - July 26, 2016 at 12:16 PM

DK

“ Daniel K. purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Theresa Anne Marie Giustra.



Daniel K. - July 26, 2016 at 10:32 AM

MF

“ My deepest condolences to the family on the passing of Theresa. I have known Theresa for 20+ years since we first met on the GTE Customer Team. She was always full of life, her laughter was vibrant & contagious. I saw Theresa in Plano just about a year ago, and we hugged and laughed just like old times. Theresa will be truly missed.

Melanie Franz - Friend and Colleague

Melanie Franz - July 26, 2016 at 09:06 AM

LS

“ I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Theresa for many years. She was a wonderful woman, beautiful inside and out. Funny, full of life, loved her family and a great co-worker who was always ready to pitch in and help. She will be greatly missed.



Lisa Shablin - July 26, 2016 at 08:21 AM

DK

“ To our darling Shelby, her family and friends: Our hearts are hurting for you during this time of bereavement. You are surrounded by our love and our prayers. May the God of all comfort be with you as you are grieving for Theresa. We know she will be missed by all who knew her and loved her. We will remember you in the days, weeks and months ahead. May peace surround you. All our love, Memaw and Grandpop

Daniel & Shirley Kelly - July 26, 2016 at 08:05 AM

CH

“ I had the privilege and honor to work with Theresa at Nokia. She was a joy and always wanting to help anyone whenever they needed it. Her happy personality would always be a lift to everyone.

My prayers are with all of her family during this difficult time.

Cheryl K. Herrington

Cheryl K Herrington - July 26, 2016 at 07:54 AM



“ I had the wonderful blessing of working on the same team with Theresa at Nokia. She was a beautiful person and friend. I am so glad I got to meet her face to face last year. Her smile was infectious. She always talk about and was so proud of her family. Please know you will remain in my thoughts and prayers.

Tammie Kelly

Tammie Kelly - July 26, 2016 at 07:36 AM



“ Words cannot express the heartfelt sorry we are felling on a loss of our colleague and friend. Theresa has been on my team at Alcatel-Lucent / Nokia for over 11 years. I will always remember her vivacious laugh that brought a smile to my face. She was a very special person who was always willing to go the extra mile to help someone out and had a very difficult time saying no to anyone. She will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of her family during this difficult time. May all the wonderful memories of her help to bring some peace to each of us.

*God bless.
Martha Kappel*

Martha Kappel - July 25, 2016 at 10:19 PM



“ Sorry about your lost, at 1 Cor15:26, Jehovah God is going to put a end to this enemy forever

Mary Ann - July 25, 2016 at 06:28 PM

TM

“ I had the pleasure of working with Theresa at Nokia. Although we work in separate countries we got the chance to meet at a team gathering in Plano last year. It was such a crammed few days of meetings and social events that there was very little time for small group or one-on-one chats. Theresa was one of the few people I got to spend extra time with in a very small group setting. We talked about all sorts of things from life and family to silly work gossip. She seemed so genuinely nice and I really enjoyed our time together. We were also Facebook friends so I was able to see her voracious appetite for life through the experiences she shared. She truly will be missed. My whole family sends its prayers and condolences during such a difficult time.

Tim Mader - July 25, 2016 at 04:26 PM

BG

“ I am a co-worker of Theresa's at Nokia. I had the honor of meeting her a little over a year ago and it was such a pleasure. It was obvious how much she loved her family and friends; when she spoke of her children you could feel the love and pride she had for them. Her quick wit, humor and compassion for others will truly be missed by all of us that worked with her. My thoughts and prayers are with each member of her family and her friends during this time.

Brenda Green

Brenda Green - July 25, 2016 at 04:25 PM

WP

“ We who worked with Theresa at Nokia will miss her more than words can say. My prayers are with your family at this sad time.

Will Petty - July 25, 2016 at 03:59 PM

TM

“ I am on the same team as Theresa at Nokia. She was actually the person that was my trainer. She was such a beautiful person. Always a smile on her face. We got to meet in person last April at a team meeting and I enjoyed it so much. She was always available to help when needed. She will be truly missed at work. My heart goes out to the family during this time. She loved her family and mentioned it in talking with me many times. So proud of her kids. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Tammy Micke

Tammy Micke - July 25, 2016 at 02:42 PM

JB

I am deeply saddened by the news of Theresa's passing. I have worked with Theresa for a year and a half and she was always so helpful and kind. My prayers go out to all of her family, friends and loved ones. God Bless! Jennie Bratten

Jennie Bratten - July 26, 2016 at 12:09 PM

MP

I was able to meet Theresa last year through a face to face meeting at our office. Although we don't work on the same accounts I loved hearing her stories and laugh on our team calls. Expressing my deepest thoughts and prayers for her beautiful family at this time.

Michelle Pierce - July 26, 2016 at 03:27 PM