



## Ms. Margaret Ann Morris Speck

July 3, 1936 - August 18, 2023

Margaret Ann Morris Speck, 87, formerly of Rusk, passed away August 18, 2023 in Jacksonville. Ms. Speck was born July 3, 1936 in Houston to S.T. Morris, Sr. and Josephine Elizabeth Hamby Morris. She graduated from Humble High School. She is a member of the First Church on the Hill, now Covenant Church and was there every chance that she got. Ms. Speck worked as the Director of Patient's Rights for the Rusk State Hospital and retired in 1996 after 21 years of service. After retiring, she loved taking care of the many flowers in her yard. She also enjoyed to go dancing.

Ms. Speck is survived by her sons: Bill Knight and wife Debie of Blanco, TX, Wesley Knight of Houston, TX, and Michael Knight and his wife Rhonda of Jacksonville, TX; sixteen grandchildren; twenty great grandchildren; sisters: Bobbie Russell of New Summerfield, TX, Bette Fennell of Conroe, TX; brother: Ronald Morris of Spring, TX; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents; brothers: S .T. (Jack) Morris, Jr., Marshall Morris and James Morris.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, August 24, 2023 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home, 221 W. 5th Street, Rusk, TX. Funeral Services will be held on Friday, August 25, 2023 at 10 a.m. at the chapel of Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home in Rusk with Bro. Jack White officiating. Interment will follow at the Russell Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Travis Knight,

Wes Knight, Eric Schwausch, Brandon Knight, Dane Knight, and Bryan Sosby.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home, Rusk, TX. Flowers are permitted or memorials may be made in her honor to Heart to Heart Hospice 7925 S. Broadway Ave. Suite 1140, Tyler, TX 75703-5227 or the Alzheimer's Association at [alz.org/donate](http://alz.org/donate).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **24**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home  
221 5th Street  
Rusk, TX 75785  
(903) 683-2222

## Funeral Service

AUG **25**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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221 5th Street  
Rusk, TX 75785  
(903) 683-2222

## Interment

AUG **25** (CT)

Russell Cemetery  
FM 23

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Margaret Ann Morris Speck*

October 04, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Hey mom this is Wes yes the one that would always run and grab a paddle ever every time we got back from the store and tell ya Go ahead and spank me so I can go play. I always made sure you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas. Cause my whole family loved to go to Nanny's. Don't laugh to loud mom the angels are probably singing. I remember once I missed your birthday because of a fishing tournament I was in. I called you to tell you Happy birthday and you said you were sitting on the porch enjoying the evening and I asked you to go to Brooshire's to grab some medicine I couldn't find anywhere else which you said ok. We you got there the girl at the desk said "are you ms Speck Happy Birthday from your little boy Wes. A beautiful cake with Happy Birthday from Wes. The biggest ring of shrimp ever and a card. I miss you so much but I know you're ok now. Did you find Dad yet I hope so and give him a hug from me you always said he was the most handsome man you ever saw. You were always an inspiration in my life and it's still in my heart.*

*Mom I love you more than you'll ever know*

*I remember your face every time it would snow.*

*You were always there through thick and thin*

*Always loved me whether out of church or in.*

*I will see you again mom but I may ask god why,*

*Maybe he needed you to be a faithful greeter at that Dance hall in the sky.*

*Yeah I am crying mom half happy half sad I'll be with you and dad some day can't wait to see y'all.*

**wes knight** - August 24, 2023 at 05:31 PM

BE

“ *Michael I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of your mo.. you and the family are in my thoughts and prayers. It's hard loosing your mom. Praying for you my friend*

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**Brenda Stroud Evans** - August 24, 2023 at 09:09 AM

DR

“ *Bill, Wes and Michael, so thankful we were blessed to be cousins, and able to share so many family memories. I know you will miss your Mom, but she is at peace now. Mom, Eddie and I are here if you need anything. Rest in peace, Aunt Margaret. We love you!*  
*Dawn*

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**Dawn Russell** - August 23, 2023 at 11:49 AM

AS

“ I first met Margaret when she came to work for me at Rusk State Hospital. She was the most loyal and valuable employee I ever had. In a very short time we became good friends that blossomed into a close and loving relationship. Years later when I moved to another location, she moved with me. She has been my "adopted" sister for over 50 years. My heart grieves my loss of her.

*My dear, sweet Margaret you will live in my heart forever. But I know I will see you again in that Heavenly Realm where we will again delight in being together again. Even when I moved far away and we did not get to see each other very often, you came to Colorado and years later to Utah to see me: it was as if no time had passed! And if they have Mexican food in Heaven, we will share the latest events in our lives and eat too many chips before we get to the main meal!*

*Most glorious of all, there we will bask in the light and presence of our Heavenly Father and our savior, his Son.*

*Bill, Wes and Mike, Dori, Lori, Jim and I share in your grief. We send our profound sympathy to you. I hope you realize the rich legacy she left you - her deepest love and the loving example of her life. Her life revolved around you, her grandchildren and greatgrandchildren. She leaves a hole in our hearts that can never be filled.*

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**Ann Pye Shively** - August 23, 2023 at 12:21 AM

BK

“ I thank God that my parents kept me in church in my young life. It stuck.

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**Bill Knight** - August 22, 2023 at 05:25 PM

BK

“ Mom, Travis and the newest great-grandson Hayes Christopher Knight. I’m so proud of mom, Travis, Megan and Hayes.



Bill Knight - August 22, 2023 at 05:22 PM

BK

“ Known as ‘the dancer’.



Bill Knight - August 22, 2023 at 05:17 PM

BK

“ Last moments. She was peaceful.



Bill Knight - August 22, 2023 at 05:16 PM

BK

“ *A Christmas. A Thanksgiving. A reunion.*



Bill Knight - August 22, 2023 at 05:14 PM

DE

“ *I did not know her but I know her son Michael and I know she raised a very nice man. My sincere sympathy to her entire family. I am sure she was a wonderful lady. Beautiful too.*

demiztuff - August 22, 2023 at 05:13 PM

BK

“ *Mom loves that sunset at Lake Jville*

Bill Knight - August 22, 2023 at 05:13 PM

BK

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Bill Knight - August 22, 2023 at 05:11 PM

TF

“ *The Pye and Shively Family purchased the Pink Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Ms. Margaret Ann Morris Speck.*



**The Pye and Shively Family** - August 22, 2023 at 12:21 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Ms. Margaret Ann Morris Speck.*



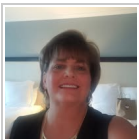
August 21, 2023 at 08:55 PM

DE

“ *Mom was a wonderful mother-in-law very proud that we got to spend time together. She taught me very much. I will miss her but we will meet again!!love you forever.*



**debie** - August 21, 2023 at 01:49 PM



“ *I'm so sorry. I have some great memories of Margaret when I was growing up. The family is in my prayers!*

**Melony Branham** - August 21, 2023 at 01:34 PM



“ *Sympathy Arrangement In Basket (Large) - Multicolor Bright Mixed Flowers was purchased for the family of Ms. Margaret Ann Morris Speck.*



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August 21, 2023 at 01:30 PM

KB

“ My deepest condolences to the entire family..I had the opportunity to work with Margaret and later years became her neighbor, our relationship wasn't just as neighbors she was my friend/ family..



She had an open invitation my door was always open and my phone as well..

She accused me at one point of causing her to gain weight , 😊 I'm like I just called an invited you, but you're the one that say ok I'm on the way " if she didn't come I'd fix her up...Family dinners ,holidays or just anytime I was in the mood to cook she got a call in fact my sisters would ask me if I'd called Margaret or was she coming..She would get on the floor and play with my granddaughter when she was younger, my granddaughter is a teenager when I was telling them that Margaret had passed away..My granddaughter asked isn't she the one that would play with me and came to your house..If you ever had the chance to meet Margaret you would definitely remember her her smile and personality stood out..

I could write a book about my memories but the most important one was our love and respect for one another is something I have to cherish until I see her again..

Bill, Wes and Mike y'all have condolences and extended family I pray that God will give you comfort ,peace and strength I know that Margaret was ready when God called her name the walk that you have now have joy in knowing that she's resting and you will see her again..

Karen Mallard Bolton

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**Karen Mallard Bolton** - August 21, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Ms. Margaret Ann Morris Speck.*



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August 21, 2023 at 09:09 AM



“ *Mom loved her active life. As with most seniors she began losing her self sufficient freedoms as she got older. She loved her grandkids and great grandkids immensely and would do anything to make them happy. All she wanted is for them love her back which they did. She loved to dance and would meet friends at different venues to dance even up to about 75 yrs of age. She loved her God and looked forward to being with Him. That's where she is now and probably dancing. I love you Mom. I'll see you again one day. But until then, I will miss you....a lot. Bill*

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**Bill Knight** - August 20, 2023 at 11:25 PM

WK

*Hey mom this is Wes yes the one that would always run and grab a paddle ever every time we got back from the store and tell ya Go ahead and spank me so I can go play. I always made sure you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas. Cause my whole family loved to go to Nanny's. Don't laugh to loud mom the angels are probably singing. I remember once I missed your birthday because of a fishing tournament I was in. I called you to tell you Happy birthday and you said you were sitting on the porch enjoying the evening and I asked you to go to Brooshire's to grab some medicine I couldn't find anywhere else which you said ok. We you got there the girl at the desk said "are you ms Speck Happy Birthday from your little boy Wes. A beautiful cake with Happy Birthday from Wes. The biggest ring of shrimp ever and a card. I miss you so much but I know you're ok now. Did you find Dad yet I hope so and give him a hug from me you always said he was the most handsome man you ever saw. You were always an inspiration in my life and it's still in my heart. Mom I love you more than you'll ever know I remember your face every time it would snow. You were always there through thick and thin Always loved me whether out of church or in. I will see you again mom but I may ask god why, Maybe he needed you to be a faithful greeter at that Dance hall in the sky. Yeah I am crying mom half happy half sad I'll be with you and dad some day can't wait to see y'all.*

*I love you so much mom I know you knew that cause you always told me just that*

*Wes Knight*

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**Wes Knight** - August 23, 2023 at 02:32 PM

SW

“*Mrs. Marget worked at Rusk for my shot time there, I didn't know she was Mikes mom for awhile. But Mike stand strong you and your family she really was special.*

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**shellevia wickware** - August 20, 2023 at 09:45 PM

MA

“ *She was such a lovely lady..... beautiful inside & out! She had such a sweet way about her that you simply loved being in her company. Her smile was infectious & her countenance would light up a room. She will be missed.*

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**margaretkgoff54@gmail.comm** - August 20, 2023 at 06:52 PM

MH

“ *My thoughts and prayers for the family and friends 🙏*



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**Mike Harris** - August 20, 2023 at 06:06 PM