



Marilyn Gail Townsend Beeson

February 14, 1952 - December 26, 2014

Marilyn Gail Townsend Beeson went to fly with the angels in heaven on December 26, 2014. Marilyn was born on Valentine's Day, 1952 in Muskogee, Oklahoma. She was the third child and second daughter of Norman Wayne and Betty Ingram Townsend.

Marilyn lived most of her life in Rusk, Texas. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church. Her profession was as a bookkeeper for many years. Marilyn loved her pool and watching her grandchildren swim. Some of her favorite places were the beach and camping outdoors anywhere. Marilyn was a great lover of animals and found immense joy in caring for her three cats and two dogs. Marilyn's true devotion was to her family, but especially to her husband, children, and her precious grandchildren.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her oldest brother, Francis Wayne Townsend and her brother-in-law Gary McGaughey.

Marilyn is survived by her husband of 25 years, John Lee Beeson, her parents, Wayne and Betty Townsend, her daughter and son-in-law, Lesley Taylor Bitz and Curtis Bitz, her son and daughter-in-law, Brandon Scott Taylor and Keili Whiteman Taylor, the father of her children, Roger Dale Taylor, and her six beloved grandchildren, Payton Lanae Swift, Joshua Trent Taylor, Cody Jacob Bitz, Dustin Lane Taylor, Miranda "Randi" Shell Taylor and Tristen Dale

Taylor. Her sister, Jeannie McGaughey of Diboll, Tx, sisters and brothers-in-law, Sheila and Gaylon Johnson of Rusk, Tx, Janet and Wade Holder of Bandera, Tx, Joni and John Speanburg of Coppell, Tx, and brother and sister-in-law, Robin and Janet Miley Townsend of Alvin, Tx as well as numerous well-loved nieces, nephews, and wonderful dearly loved friends.

Marilyn made the generous gift of donating her worldly body to UT Southwestern Medical School so that new doctors and medical professionals could learn from her body's life experiences.

A joyous celebration of Marilyn's life will be held 2:00 p.m., Saturday, February 21, 2015 at First United Methodist Church in Rusk.

Tribute Wall



“ *Marilyn Gail Townsend Beeson*

October 04, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Ann White lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Gail Townsend Beeson*



ann white - January 07, 2015 at 12:32 PM



“ *Christi Tillman lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Gail Townsend Beeson*



Christi Tillman - January 05, 2015 at 01:21 AM

DS

“ My heart is heavy and sad for all of you Marilyn's family. It is so out of order for parents to have to bury a child, much less to lose two. My compassion I send to her parents Betty and Wayne. I know how much she loves her family Lesley and Scott. I am sure she loves her grandchildren as she will be watching from her Heavenly home. Her love and concern for Payton was the topic of my last conversation with her when she came to visit me when our Scarlet went to be with the Heavenly Father. See you later, Marilyn.



Donna Bothwell Smith - January 05, 2015 at 12:58 AM

CR

“ I work with and am a friend to Marilyn's sister, Janet, and I would like to express my condolences to the entire family on the loss of Marilyn. I am sure you will miss her greatly and I pray that you will feel her loving presence in your hearts in the coming days and years. May God's angels wrap their loving arms around you.

*Carol Rode
Peterson Regional Medical Center Laboratory*

Carol Rode - January 03, 2015 at 11:48 AM

DZ

“ The Peterson Regional Medical Center Laboratory sends condolences and prayers to Marilyn's family. May God be with you...

Deborah Zink - January 02, 2015 at 03:28 PM

WT

“ As a next door neighbor and childhood friend, I have many fond memories of Marilyn and all of her family. Our prayers are with you all at this time and I am sure the Lord has wrapped his loving arms around you. I know how much Marilyn loved life and her family so I know this is a sad time of loss for everyone. One ray of comfort strikes me, for Marilyn told me many times how much she loved and missed Francis. What a reunion they must be having! The joy of heaven in the presence of Christ has just been increased by her coming. God bless you and all our love, Wyatt Tisdale

Wyatt Tisdale - January 02, 2015 at 02:30 PM

BG

“ I didn't know Marilyn but her daughter Leslie is my sister-in-law. I know that she was loved by many and raised a wonderful daughter that I am happy to call my sister. Blessings to the family and all my best.



Belinda Bitz Garza - January 02, 2015 at 10:37 AM

RH

“ I am so sad and just don't know what to say. John and Marilyn are two of the sweetest people I ever met. The world is poorer because Marilyn is no longer here with us. I will miss her and be praying for John.

Roger Hoffman - January 01, 2015 at 02:27 PM

SP

“ Marilyn worked for Rusk Federal Savings & Loan if I remember correctly, when I moved as a newlywed to Rusk, in 1978. She was one of the first Ruskites I met, moving into a new place. From that moment, I always had at least one friendly face and kind spirited friend here in my new home. She was always so accepting of, kind to and supportive of me. Rusk lost a fine homegrown lady. We will miss you Marilyn. Thanks for the seeds of kindness sowed in your lifetime.

Susan Pate - January 01, 2015 at 01:17 PM

JM

“ Julie Middleton lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Gail Townsend Beeson



Julie Middleton - January 01, 2015 at 10:50 AM

SN

“ Beeson/ Townsend family, our deepest sympathy and love to all. May God bring you comfort and peace.

Love: Sonny & Nina Neyland

Sonny Neyland - December 31, 2014 at 06:18 PM

AN

“ Sending all my thoughts and prayers to all the family for comfort and peace. Marilyn and I had a short conversation a few months ago and she was so full of life and laughter that day. I am so thankful God allowed us that time. She will be missed and is sharing with Francis up in their Heavenly home all the latest happenings with the family and how much everyone misses him:) love you all !! Anita Ocker

Anita - December 31, 2014 at 04:13 PM

CC

“ Marilyn and I were best friends in elementary in Rusk through the 3rd grade and then I had to move with my family. We were very close and shared all kinds of secrets. She was a friend now and I will join her as a friend soon. Dance with the angels my friend. Love you. Cynthia Sowell Carroll

cynthia sowell carroll - December 31, 2014 at 11:01 AM



“ Natalie Salisbury lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Gail Townsend Beeson



Natalie Salisbury - December 31, 2014 at 08:02 AM

CF

“ Carlene Fraim lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Gail Townsend Beeson

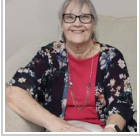


Carlene Fraim - December 30, 2014 at 09:24 PM

CF

My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Carlene Fraim - December 30, 2014 at 09:25 PM



“ *I first met Marilyn when I moved to Rusk. We both attended First Methodist Church. I remember also competing in softball. Was a lot of fun. She was an awesome ball player! I also remember when Lesley was born, a group of us went to see her in the hospital. As the years went by, I had moved away and when I returned in 2010 to Rusk, we would see each other at the post office and chat. I will miss those chats.*

My condolences to the family.

Rhonda Quinn Morrow

Rhonda Quinn - December 30, 2014 at 07:26 PM

PF

*I am so sorry to hear this. Mr. and Mrs. Townsend, Marilyn's husband, children, grandchildren, brother and sisters are all in my prayers.
Pamela Hataway Folkman*

Pamela Hataway Folkman - January 05, 2015 at 11:47 AM

SM

*MAY CHRIST BE WITH YOU IN THIS TIME OF SADNESS. I SO REGRET THAT I WAS NOT LUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE KNOWN MARILYN AS YOU DID. I AM LUCKY ENOUGH THO TO WORK WITH HER SISTER JANET. WE HAVE WORKED TOGETHER FOR YEARS, SO WHEN SOMETHING HAPPENS TO PEOPLE THAT YOU CARE ABOUT YOU SHARE THE GRIEF THAT MUCH MORE. ONE THING I KNOW, WE WILL SEE THOSE THAT WE LOVE AGAIN. THEY ARE ONLY A HEARTBEAT AWAY. MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALL.
SHERRY MURLEY...*

SHERRY MURLEY - January 05, 2015 at 02:26 PM

DB

Looking for Janet Miley & Robin Townsend and had come across this family connection. Sadness but Comforting thoughts to the Townsend Family from seeing Marilyn's obituary. I express our Humble Prayers & Warm Condolences on behalf of my Mother, Shila Bartise, & I to you as well as on learning about Frances also. Rusk will always be a cherished part of our hearts & had hoped to see friends from there soon. Our Love to all of you. Elder Debbie Battise-Kleinman, CRE Livingston, Tx

Debbie Battise-Kleinman - October 02, 2015 at 12:20 PM