



Ms. Margaret Ann Penna

July 5, 1942 - July 16, 2019

Margaret Ann Penna left this earth July 16, 2019 to join the Lord that she so joyfully and loudly worshipped. Everyone who knew Margaret (or just made eye contact) knew how much she loved the Lord, even the grocery store clerks.

Margaret often said that she was going to write a memoir, and with a heart the size of Texas and a personality to match, it would have been a page-turner full of love, joy and unbelievable adventures, but also plagued by loss, illness and sadness. Despite her struggles she never lost her giggle, sparkling blue eyes and the gift of an expansive (and often colorful) vocabulary. All who knew her will most remember her amazing capacity to enthusiastically and unconditionally love everyone she met.

Her legacy is one of love, laughter, and outrageous stories. A descendant of Irish immigrants, she loved to tell us the stories passed down from her grandfather Bobo. They were just as unbelievable as the ones she created in her seventy-seven years, where she proudly starred as the main character, that we will be telling and retelling for years to come.

Margaret never met a stranger and could connect with people in an instant. We'll never know the depths of her family because she attracted and welcomed people that were in need of love or a place to call home.

She was born on July 5, 1942 and was the first-born daughter to Catherine and Lawrence Harris in Houston, Texas. She was soon followed by her beloved siblings Lawrence 'Butch' Harris, Kathleen Whitmarsh, Michael Harris, Mary Teresa Whatley, Ann Soletto and Susan Jackson. Margaret was forever grateful that those siblings extended their family by bringing in their spouses whom she loved just as much, Kenneth Whitmarsh, Simon Whatley and Pam Harris. She also had scores of what she called her precious nieces and nephews and always spoke fondly and with a twinkle in her eye of her Penna sisters.

Her world revolved around her children Robert Jr., Steven, Joseph, and Michelle and she kept a special place in her heart for their present and past partners Vickie, Kyle, Danica, and Debbie. She was graced, and as she would say blessed, with the most beautiful and talented grandchildren- Kimberly Michele, Amber, Christopher, Asher, Rory, Jessica, Josephine, and Braeden, along with great-grandchildren Ayden, Taydrien, Layton, and Gatlin.

Margaret Ann's last wish was to be buried in a black negligee and for there to be multiple funerals across Texas where revivals of hearts and souls would shake the ground and wake the dead. However, we talked her out of it and instead will be laying her to rest with one celebration in Pearland, Texas. The force of her spirit will be missed here on earth, but those who knew her know that she is having a good time in heaven having that party she was looking forward to with her adored son Joey, her beautiful brothers Mike and Butch, her parents, and all of the other revered relatives who went before her.

Please join us to celebrate her life and legacy with a Rosary Service from 5:00-6:00 PM on July 25th, administered by her cousin, Ed Benedix, followed that evening by a visitation from 6:00-9:00. The funeral service will be held July 26th at 10:00AM and will be officiated by her spirited sister and brother-in-law Pastors Mary Theresa and Simon Whatley. All services will be held at the South Park Funeral Home located at 1310 North Main Street, Pearland, TX, 77581. The family respectfully asks that in lieu of flowers you consider making a donation to the National Alliance for Mental Health - <https://namicentraltx.org/>.

Cemetery

South Park Cemetery

1310 North Main St.
Pearland, TX, 77581

Events

JUL **Visitation** 05:00PM - 09:00PM

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JUL **Funeral Service** 10:00AM

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Comments



“ I was fortunate to know Margaret from her friends at Shepherds Heart Ministry in Taylor. Margaret had faced difficulties in life but kept her eyes on Jesus to see her through to His end. She had a gift of writing and also the gift of gab. I visited her many times in Taylor at The Commons and in Hutto Star Ranch. She was a friend to many in the assisted living facility and a source of encouragement. We would pray for each other and her family. She loved to hear how her church family was doing, even when she couldn't attend. Ron Neel was very kind to her as were JoLynne and Charley Williams. Margaret was saved and hidden in Christ as we all must be to inherit eternal life. John 3:3. I will dearly miss Margaret.

Paul George

Paul George - August 22, 2019 at 12:52 AM



“ Thank you for your comforting words and the support and friendship you gave to our mother over the years. We are forever grateful. She spoke very fondly of the church and the friends she made through it in Taylor. Take care, Michelle

Michelle - September 08, 2019 at 11:31 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Ms. Margaret Ann Penna.



July 26, 2019 at 04:12 PM



“ The people we love become a part of who we are and when they leave this world, a part of them stays with us always. With love and sympathy. Donna Thurman and family

D - July 26, 2019 at 12:29 PM



“ From The Bishop and Humphrey Families purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ms. Margaret Ann Penna.



From The Bishop and Humphrey Families - July 24, 2019 at 06:33 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Ms. Margaret Ann Penna.



July 22, 2019 at 05:26 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Margaret Ann Penna.



July 22, 2019 at 04:14 PM



“ Our sister Margaret Ann and our beloved brother Mike are together again in Heaven...



Mary Theresa Whatley,(sister) - July 22, 2019 at 02:32 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Michelle Poole - July 22, 2019 at 12:32 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Margaret Ann Penna.



July 21, 2019 at 04:48 PM



“ T.J. & Jennifer purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Ms. Margaret Ann Penna.



T.J. & Jennifer - July 21, 2019 at 12:09 PM



“ In lieu of flowers, the Penna Family asks to make a donation to the National Alliances of Mental Health.
<https://namicentraltx.org/>.

SouthPark Funeral Home - July 20, 2019 at 01:48 PM