



## Mrs. Marilyn Russell Canup

March 1, 1941 - October 2, 2016

Celebration of Life for Marilyn Russell Canup, 75, of Big Sandy will be at 2:00 P.M. Friday, October 7, 2016, at McWhorter Funeral Home in Gilmer. Also, all are invited to join the family for a potluck meal starting at 5:00pm at New Beginnings Fellowship in Big Sandy.

Marilyn was born March 1, 1941 to Arta Xerxes Russell and Susie Muriel Goodman Russell, Marilyn spent her childhood in Angelina County, TX. She passed away peacefully at home in her sleep on October 2, 2016.

As the oldest of the Russell girls and their beloved younger brother, Marilyn set the code of love of family, love for and dependence on God. She followed the example of Christ in helping those in need, not forgetting that humor can be a salve in many situations. She is survived by sisters; Judith Russell Omasta and husband Larry, Elizabeth Russell Coston and her husband Wood Brother-in-law; Tom Pickett and sister-in-law Jacqueline Russell, as well as sixteen nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her sister Adrienne Russell Pickett, nephew Andrew Pickett, and brother Thaddeus "Thad" Russell.

She graduated in 1959 from Huntington High School in Huntington, Texas. After high school, Marilyn ventured off to California to attend Ambassador College and graduated from there with a Bachelors Degree in 1963. When Ambassador College opened its Big Sandy campus, Marilyn journeyed back

to Texas to work as the college's first campus librarian.

Marilyn married Lorenzia Dwayne Canup on August 13, 1967 and they recently celebrated 49 years of marriage. Marilyn and Dwayne have two children: Leron and Shana. She welcomed Amy Decker as her daughter-in-law and Paul Curd as her son-in-law. She was the proud "Grammie" of five grandchildren: Haley Canup, Alexa Canup, Tyler Canup, Natasha Curd, and Christofer Curd.

Marilyn loved bookkeeping and she worked at Kendon Inc., owned by the Ditto family, in Winnsboro for 23 years. She worked for Kelley Insurance after moving to Big Sandy. After officially retiring, she continued her bookkeeping passion by serving as treasurer for New Beginnings Fellowship. In addition, she was a member and officer of the Big Sandy Ministerial Alliance and the treasurer of the Agape House Ministries, which is overseen by the Alliance. Marilyn was honored to be chosen as the Big Sandy Woman of the Year in 2014. She also worked as needed at Big Sandy City Hall up until her death. Marilyn was a huge part of the Next Generation young adult ministry at New Beginnings, as well as leading bible studies for the Silver Ambassadors. She had a passion for sharing God's grace and love to all who entered her life.

Please visit Marilyn's on-line register book at [www.mcwhorterfh.com](http://www.mcwhorterfh.com) to leave a memory for the family.

# Previous Events

## Service

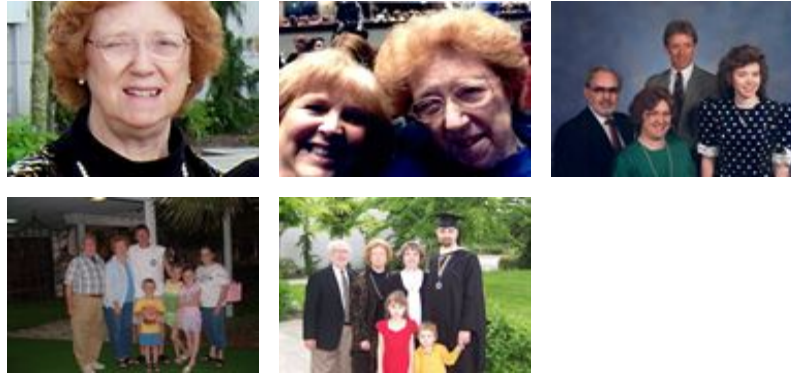
OCT 7. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ 91 files added to the album Life Tributes



McWhorter Funeral Home - October 07, 2016 at 12:24 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marilyn Russell Canup.



October 07, 2016 at 09:23 AM



“ I have so many memories with Marilyn, too many to list. I loved her dearly. I'm so sorry that I cannot be with the family today. My prayers and love is with you all .REST IN PEACE DEAR FRIEND.  
Grace Cook

Grace Cook - October 07, 2016 at 04:16 AM

SE

“ Love and hugs from a The Erbes Family. We'd be there if we could. Sending our thoughts and prayers your way!

*Dave, Shelley & sons*

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**Shelley Erbes** - October 07, 2016 at 02:19 AM

BD

“ I wish I had gotten to know Marilyn sooner! I've known her almost my whole life yet only really gotten to know her in the past few years. So many things I want to talk to her about ... she was one of my favorite people & I will miss her forever. She left behind such a wonderful family, respectful, kind loving kids & grandkids. God's peace be with you all!

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**Becky Desborough** - October 06, 2016 at 09:29 PM

DM

“ David & Melinda Mase purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Mrs. Marilyn Russell Canup.



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**David & Melinda Mase** - October 06, 2016 at 07:26 PM



“ Peach, Orange & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marilyn Russell Canup.



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October 06, 2016 at 03:20 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marilyn Russell Canup.



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October 06, 2016 at 01:44 PM



“ *Northern Kentucky Blue Jays Baseball Team* purchased the *Shades of Purple* for the family of Mrs. Marilyn Russell Canup.



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**Northern Kentucky Blue Jays Baseball Team** - October 06, 2016 at 01:34 PM



“ *We know that what you are going through right now is very difficult. Please know that we are here for you. We are truly sorry for your loss.*

*Northern Kentucky Blue Jays Baseball Team*

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**Mike Flynn** - October 06, 2016 at 12:24 PM



“ *Ken and Kathy Hill* purchased the *Lavender Dreams* for the family of Mrs. Marilyn Russell Canup.



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**Ken and Kathy Hill** - October 06, 2016 at 10:45 AM



“ *Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marilyn Russell Canup.*



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October 05, 2016 at 02:49 PM



“ *Dwayne,*

*We are so sorry to hear of your great loss. We remember both of your very fondly, especially the many times you both befriended us. You took us to buy our furniture after we bought our house. Marilyn and Bonnie exchanged babysitting for each other during our hair appointments and many other times we just got together to visit. We will keep you in our prayers.*

*Daryl & Bonnie Jo Reedy*

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**Daryl & Bonnie Jo Reedy** - October 05, 2016 at 11:57 AM



“ *Marilyn was a sweet and kind person who touched many lives. Marilyn your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure. You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure. We were so blessed to have known you. Our condolences and prayers for Dwayne and the family.*

*Margaret & Anthony*

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**Margaret Maros** - October 05, 2016 at 11:28 AM

SM

“ Sue Murphy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marilyn Russell Canup



Sue Murphy - October 05, 2016 at 10:51 AM



“ Roses For Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marilyn Russell Canup.



October 05, 2016 at 12:09 AM

LJ

“ So sorry mr.canup for ur lost. Prayer for u and ur family during this time.  
Laura Jasper  
Laura's pet boutique

laura jasper - October 04, 2016 at 09:53 PM

SH

“ Marilyn was a kind and sincere person. She has stood beside me as a friend during many life trials I have had. She will be greatly missed by those of us whose lives she touched so sweetly. Heaven gained an earthly Angel as I am sure she is now sitting at the throne of God listening to her heavenly Father.

SHubbard - October 04, 2016 at 09:19 PM



Johanna  
Ray

“ Aunt Marilyn was also someone I've tried to even be half the woman and lady she was. I've always looked up to her. Even remember as a small child she took me to my very first concert. Anne Murray. As mids she had an open door, big hugs, and truly showed me how to be unconditional in my love to others. I'll always love her and her true example of Christ.

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**Johanna Ray** - October 04, 2016 at 06:22 PM

SS

“ I'll always remember Marilyn's example of praying. She once told me that she thought prayer was the key to relationship with God. She was one of several who led intercessory prayer at church -- asking God's help with situations, and thanking Him for His answers. Prayer time with Marilyn often began with a brief football update -- she was such a fan, and this kept prayer time "real."

Another special thing that happened recently was that she discovered her work as church Treasurer was a ministry. I had heard it described as such at a conference we were at together. When I shared the thought with her, and thanked her for her service, she was surprised. Why hadn't she thought that sharing her God-given talents to help others was an act of ministry? Because she was humble.

I don't know that I'll ever forget what her voice sounded like, or her laugh. We had so many great conversations. She was so approachable that I rarely thought about the fact that she was older than me. She and Dwayne made such a great team. Missing her like crazy!

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**Sarah Strub** - October 04, 2016 at 05:38 PM

ME

“ *Micheal, Kim and Jayla Estes purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Mrs. Marilyn Russell Canup.*



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**Micheal, Kim and Jayla Estes** - October 04, 2016 at 12:47 PM