



Ms. Marilyn Johnson

May 24, 1956 - June 7, 2022

Ms. Marilyn Johnson, 66, of Henderson, passed from this life on June 7, 2022, at UT Health East Texas in Tyler. Family and friends will meet at 10:00 a.m., Sunday, June 12, 2022 at Lakewood Memorial Park for a graveside memorial. The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, June 10, 2022, at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

She was born May 24, 1956, in Henderson and with the exception of a few short stints in Houston and Carrollton, she lived most of her life in Henderson. Marilyn graduated from Henderson High School in 1974 and went on to graduate from Texas A&M University in 1978 with a degree in Education. She later received her Master's degree in Counseling from Stephen F. Austin State University. Ms. Johnson dedicated her career to public education and taught P.E., Biology, Health, and coached tennis before serving as a counselor for Henderson ISD and Cypress-Fairbanks ISD from which she retired.

Marilyn had an adventurous spirit and loved anything to do with physical activity whether it was riding a bicycle, riding 4-wheelers, playing tennis and racquetball, or water skiing. She enjoyed any sport that had a ball involved and was a huge fan of the Texas Aggies. She also enjoyed gardening and tending to her plants and flowers as well as traveling extensively. Later on in life she acquired a love for the arts, especially music and Broadway shows.

Ms. Johnson had attended Southside Baptist Church. She was involved in any church where she was a member and had previously taught Sunday School. Perhaps above all, Marilyn was an excellent mother and caretaker for her daughter, Meredith.

She was preceded in death by her mother Dorothy Jo Wright Taliaferro, father Billy Pat Taliaferro, and all of her grandparents.

Survivors include her children, Clay Johnson of Dallas, Meredith Johnson of Henderson, and Craig Johnson of Atlanta, Georgia; sisters, Cecile Loudat and husband Joe of Bryan, and Beth King and husband Brad of Argyle; friend and the wife of her father, Patricia Taliaferro of Bryan; nieces and nephew, Laurin, Ashley, Carey, Emily, and Logan; as well as a host of great-nieces and nephews, cousins, other family and many friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Special Olympics, ATTN: Web Gifts, 1133 19th Street NW, 12th Floor, Washington, DC 20036-3604.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **10**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 S. Main St
Henderson, TX 75654

Tribute Wall

LA

“ *LORIE ARNOLD lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson*



LORIE ARNOLD - July 05, 2022 at 10:21 AM

MH

“ *Ms. Johnson was a wonderful teacher who made a difference in many students' lives. So sorry for your loss.*

Mindy H, - June 17, 2022 at 07:50 PM

SA

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. We are praying for your family.*



Steve and Sheila Alford - June 13, 2022 at 07:31 PM

WG

“Marilyn was a good friend in HS, even though a couple years behind me, because we were cheerleaders together. As the youngest on the squad, she of course got a lot of grief from we older ones, which she gave right back, as you can imagine! Many fun times during those years. Fast forward and I would run into her at counselor conferences when she was at HISD and I was at Pine Tree ISD. She always brought up our HS shenanigans. She was so like her mother Dorothy Jo, who kept us entertained throughout our HS years. Her grandmother, Mrs. Wright was my principal at Montgomery Elementary. Marilyn had the same kind heart as her mother and grandmother. She had their spunk too. One thing she also proved to have, as a mother, was perseverance. She could have made an easier choice, but for years and years she took care of Meredith, with little respite. Most of us will never know what that is like. She had her struggles as we all do, but she persevered with her love and care for Meredith. I am sure she has already heard her Savior say, "Well done!"

Wendy Gray - June 13, 2022 at 04:06 PM

AS

“Ann Swift



Ann Swift - June 13, 2022 at 03:56 PM



“ *Ruth Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson*



Ruth Mitchell - June 12, 2022 at 11:14 PM

CB

“ *Colleen Briggs lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson*



Colleen Briggs - June 12, 2022 at 12:57 AM

MM

“ *Mike Mason lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson*



Mike Mason - June 11, 2022 at 07:01 AM

JC

“ *Jim And Jeanne Cowart lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson*



Jim and Jeanne Cowart - June 11, 2022 at 12:41 AM

JR

“ I will always smile when thinking of Marilyn and remembering our visits we shared through the years as we watched Craig and Jeffrey grow up! Sweet and happy times! My sincere condolences for Meredith, Clay and Craig

Janet Legg Rab - June 10, 2022 at 11:08 PM

PH

“ Philip Hollis lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson



Philip Hollis - June 10, 2022 at 08:41 PM

AF

“ Amy Miley-Payne And Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson



Amy Miley-Payne and Family - June 10, 2022 at 08:31 PM

TW

“ Tracie Washington lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson



Tracie Washington - June 10, 2022 at 04:58 PM

PH

“ Philip Hollis lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson



Philip Hollis - June 10, 2022 at 01:13 PM

MJ

“ Cecile, your family is my prayers on the passing of your loved one.
Romans 8:39



Mark Johnson - June 10, 2022 at 11:14 AM

LS

“ Leslie Spell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson



Leslie Spell - June 10, 2022 at 11:01 AM

PC

“ Paula Crim lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson



Paula Crim - June 10, 2022 at 10:58 AM

BB

“ *Beth Keitt Brubaker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson*



Beth Keitt Brubaker - June 10, 2022 at 08:53 AM

KM

“ *Kelly Martin lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson*



Kelly Martin - June 10, 2022 at 08:51 AM

TP

“ *As a classmate of Marilyn's I was not close to her but always admired her friendly smile and endless enthusiasm for everything she did, including leading cheers for our class of '74 Lions. Years later we worked together at Henderson Middle School -- I as a teacher, she as a counselor. After retirement and other changes in life situations we found ourselves both in the DFW area not far apart and became close friends. I've enjoyed getting to know Marilyn, as well as Clay and Meredith, in these recent years, and will forever cherish the fun times we've had together.*

Terry Prior - June 10, 2022 at 08:43 AM

CF

“ Charlie Franklin lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson



Charlie Franklin - June 10, 2022 at 08:16 AM

JC

“ James Coode lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson



James Coode - June 10, 2022 at 01:50 AM

JC

“ Jan Crow lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson



Jan Crow - June 09, 2022 at 09:48 PM

AD

“ April Lewis Dobervich lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson



April Lewis Dobervich - June 09, 2022 at 09:44 PM

JS

“ Thoughts and prayers for Marilyn’s family as they deal with their loss.

Jimmy Summers - June 09, 2022 at 09:36 PM

DC

“ Dianne Henderson Choice lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson



Dianne Henderson Choice - June 09, 2022 at 09:25 PM

JM

“ Jean McLaurin lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson



Jean McLaurin - June 09, 2022 at 09:24 PM

BM

“ Marilyn and family lived directly across the street from us from the time she was just a baby. We got to visit and intermingle with her, Dorothy Jo, and Bill Pat. She was a pleasure to be around even back then. Prayers to the family at this sad time.

Billy Martin - June 09, 2022 at 07:38 PM

CG

“ *Loved Marilyn in school. Very sorry for your loss. Connye Poovey Guy*



Connye Guy - June 09, 2022 at 06:43 PM

NT

“ *Nancy Truelock lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson*



Nancy Truelock - June 09, 2022 at 06:04 PM

CT

“ *Chuck & Lisa Towe lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson*



Chuck & Lisa Towe - June 09, 2022 at 05:08 PM

CB

“ *Cindy Belcher lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson*



Cindy Belcher - June 09, 2022 at 04:40 PM

DG

“ Darren Grammer lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson



Darren Grammer - June 09, 2022 at 04:40 PM

MY

“ I met Marilyn about 5 years ago while walking at the park. I came up beside her on the path and we started talking and walking together. This began our friendship. We continued to meet up and enjoy long conversations. I quickly found out that she shared many of my other friendships in town. We shared so many funny and personal things with each other knowing that our conversations would be just between just the two of us. We would frequently text or call just to say hi and check up on each other. We had many late-night conversations that I will cherish. She later purchased a car from our dealership and she immediately made friends there. She was a wonderful person and I am very proud that I had the privilege to be her friend. I feel like people come in to our lives at just the right time and we shared a special relationship. Marilyn will be missed and left this earth too soon. I will be praying for her family during this difficult time. Love, Margie Yates

Margie Yates - June 09, 2022 at 03:47 PM



“ Cyndy Broadus lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson



Cyndy Broadus - June 09, 2022 at 02:23 PM

CS

“ Our condolences to her precious children,
Craig, Clay and Meredith.



craig Paula Sweeney - June 09, 2022 at 02:08 PM

CJ

“ Friendly to all, she was always fun and full of
spirit. We couldn't have chosen a better
cheerleader, a true leader for our class of '74.
Marilyn was loyal and passionate over her
family and her love for Texas A & M, but most
of all her relationship with God. God rest her soul, she's with Him
now. Sending love and praying for her family and friends. She will
be missed by many. ❤️



Cathy Robinson James

Cathy Robinson James - June 09, 2022 at 02:05 PM

PP

“ Priya Pai lit a candle in memory of Ms.
Marilyn Johnson



Priya Pai - June 09, 2022 at 12:57 PM

DB

“ I love her so much I’m gonna miss her so much omg 😭



dakota ballew - June 09, 2022 at 11:42 AM

DO

“ Debbie Oberthier lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson



Debbie Oberthier - June 09, 2022 at 11:27 AM

SD

“ Sherri Davis lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson



Sherri Davis - June 09, 2022 at 10:37 AM

LW

“ Lisa Wallace lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson



Lisa Wallace - June 09, 2022 at 10:24 AM

AP

“ We will always remember Marilyn with a smile on her face and saying something funny!! A good Aggie friend! Praying for the boys and Meredith, as well as other family! 🙏



Anne and Wendell Pool - June 09, 2022 at 10:00 AM

KB

“ Kim Buckner lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson



Kim Buckner - June 09, 2022 at 09:54 AM



“ Donna McNevin lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson



Donna McNevin - June 09, 2022 at 09:54 AM

TE

“ Tamara Elliott lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson



Tamara Elliott - June 09, 2022 at 09:50 AM

JB

“ *Jane Brightwell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson*



Jane Brightwell - June 09, 2022 at 09:47 AM

MD

“ *Mike Duncan lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson*



Mike Duncan - June 09, 2022 at 09:28 AM

JA

“ *Rest In Peace. Miss you! We had a good time. Love you and miss you!*

judy andrasko - June 09, 2022 at 09:10 AM

JA

“ *Judy Andrasko lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson*



judy andrasko - June 09, 2022 at 08:52 AM

PP

“ Pud Patterson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson



pud patterson - June 09, 2022 at 08:28 AM

MM

“ Marilyn grew up across the street on N Marshall from me when we were children. Dorothy Jo liked to have me babysit. I was a girl of about 10 and generally spent lots of time out on my porch reading in the glider, she would come to her backyard fence and say my name. Baby Marilyn heard it but of course couldn't say my name but she would call me ÒOoo.

I so enjoyed spending some time with that little girl. Eventually Cecile was born and I was into my own things. I lost touch after I went to college but those are precious memories for me, as a 10 year old girl to be trusted with Marilyn's care and the bit of money I earned. RIP, Precious girl! My kindest regards to the family as they experience this loss!

Marilyn Martin - June 09, 2022 at 08:15 AM

DA

“ My heart breaks for Marilyn and her family.



Debra Allen - June 09, 2022 at 08:05 AM

BG

“ *Praying for peace and comfort for family and friends*
Bonnie Geddie



Bonnie Geddie - June 09, 2022 at 07:50 AM



“ *Pam Brown lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson*



Pam Brown - June 09, 2022 at 07:28 AM

LW

“ *Lacy Hale Weaver lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson*



Lacy Hale Weaver - June 09, 2022 at 05:50 AM

RG

“ *Roy Grammer lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson*



Roy Grammer - June 09, 2022 at 03:44 AM

DA

“ Donna J Aaron lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson



Donna J Aaron - June 09, 2022 at 01:42 AM



“ Candice Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson



Candice Johnson - June 08, 2022 at 11:39 PM



“ Barbara J Jolley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson



Barbara J Jolley - June 08, 2022 at 10:57 PM

CN

“ Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson



Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb - June 08, 2022 at 10:42 PM

BH

“ *Barbara & Joel Hale sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson*



Barbara & Joel Hale - June 08, 2022 at 10:00 PM

PF

“ *My prayers are with all of you ..my god watch over all of you ..*

Phillip fitts - June 08, 2022 at 09:47 PM

DT

“ *Debbie & Richard Todd lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson*



Debbie & Richard Todd - June 08, 2022 at 09:43 PM

KC

“ *Kristy Campbell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson*



Kristy Campbell - June 08, 2022 at 09:24 PM

BJ

“ She was a great counselor to me in middle school. I had no idea that she was my uncles daughter as at that time in my life I didn't really know him. I always thought highly of her as a counselor and also extended family later in life. She impacted allot of people more than I'm sure she knows.

Brandon Jablonowski - June 08, 2022 at 08:42 PM

RE

“ Robert & Dianne Everitt lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson



Robert & Dianne Everitt - June 08, 2022 at 08:37 PM

LA

“ Lorie Arnold lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson



Lorie Arnold - June 08, 2022 at 08:36 PM

DN

“ Marilyn was my neighbor in the duplex. She always checked on me to see if I needed anything. I will miss her.



Debra Nichols - June 08, 2022 at 08:35 PM

TA

“ *Taco lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson*



Taco - June 08, 2022 at 08:18 PM

MG

“ *Missy Hacker & Steve Green lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson*



Missy Hacker & Steve Green - June 08, 2022 at 08:16 PM

DG

“ *Dinah Gray lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson*



Dinah Gray - June 08, 2022 at 07:42 PM

LD

“ *Loy And Leann Dorsey lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson*



Loy and Leann Dorsey - June 08, 2022 at 07:29 PM

Dee
Lee
Smith

“ *Dee Lee Smith lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson*



Dee Lee Smith - June 08, 2022 at 07:23 PM

KC

“ *Kyle And Kenna Cole lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson*



Kyle and Kenna Cole - June 08, 2022 at 07:08 PM

RD

“ *Randolph And Brenda Davis lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson*



randolph and brenda davis - June 08, 2022 at 07:06 PM

GG

“ *Greg And Linda Gooding lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson*



Greg and Linda Gooding - June 08, 2022 at 07:04 PM

GW

“ Gary Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson



Gary Wilkerson - June 08, 2022 at 06:25 PM

CW

“ We were friends from Mrs. Wright's Kindergarten. She was in my wedding. Such fun times growing up. I can't believe she's gone but I have peace picturing her happy in Heaven. Praying for peace and comfort for all the family.

Cyndi Walker - June 08, 2022 at 06:20 PM

ER

“ Erin (Lee) Rhyne lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson



Erin (Lee) Rhyne - June 08, 2022 at 06:15 PM

GE

“ So sorry. I worked with Marilyn at New Summerfield ISD. We spent a lot of time working together. She was such a fun person to be around. I know she will be missed by so many. May she rest in peace.

Gloria Edwards

Gloria G Edwards - June 08, 2022 at 06:13 PM

CH

“ Cheryl Harkness lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson



Cheryl Harkness - June 08, 2022 at 06:11 PM

CA

“ So sorry for your loss!! She was a special lady!!
Carol Sledge

carol - June 08, 2022 at 06:09 PM

GE

“ Gloria G Edwards lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson



Gloria G Edwards - June 08, 2022 at 06:08 PM

SS

“Marilyn and I began a lifelong friendship as toddlers; our parents were best friends. Growing up and attending Kindergarten, Elementary, Jr. High and High school together. Marilyn was very popular; everybody adored her spirit of sunshine! She led our Henderson Lions with cheer every football season. We attended football, basketball, baseball games and tennis tournaments! She LOVED it all!

We were loud and laughed all the time in classes.... staying in trouble. We always had fun pulling pranks, and spitting spit wads in class!!!!

We burned up the streets of Henderson in her red Bronco! Had as many friends piled in there as possible!

When we weren't in school we were on the water at Lake Striker with Cyndi Long, Gayle Craft, Debbie Lofton and other girlfriends! We were good skiers and had a blast skiing double! Never a dull moment! Laughter, laughter, laughter!!

I'm going to miss Marilyn sooooo much. We were recently planning a trip together.

I love you Marilyn, watch over me in this crazy world I live in. We'll see each other again 🙏



Susie Summers - June 08, 2022 at 05:54 PM

MD

“Mallory Diosdado lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson



Mallory Diosdado - June 08, 2022 at 05:43 PM

JD

“ Prayers for this family.



Jim and Jeanie Dickeson - June 08, 2022 at 05:42 PM

JT

“ John Taylor lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson



John Taylor - June 08, 2022 at 05:16 PM

SR

“ Stan & Connie Rodgers lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson



Stan & Connie Rodgers - June 08, 2022 at 05:08 PM

PL

“ Pandy Lewis lit a candle in memory of Ms. Marilyn Johnson



Pandy Lewis - June 08, 2022 at 05:08 PM

MT

“ I was always in awe of Marilyn growing up. She could out run me, out wrestle me, do more push ups, chin ups and sit ups. Marilyn was one of the most competitive people I have ever known . She was a parent the same way, she loved her children unconditionally.

Deepest sympathy for the family.

Mike Taliaferro

Mike Taliaferro - June 08, 2022 at 04:48 PM

CB

“ Rest In Heaven Marilyn. I enjoyed working with you and being friends with you. You were an absolute joy to be around and was always willing to help like when my mom was in the hospital.

Chad Boatwright - June 08, 2022 at 04:42 PM

DS

“ Marilyn will be greatly missed. Prayers for her family. ❤️🙏❤️



donna saffell - June 08, 2022 at 04:41 PM

DP

Don Poovey

Marilyn and I grew up together as neighbors spending summers playing baseball and kickball for hours. When we were summoned by Grandpa Pat to load hay at the farm she out worked me every time. Tons of memories with a great friend. My prayers are with all the family.

Don Poovey - June 08, 2022 at 10:31 PM