



Mrs. Mary Morris

September 30, 1930 - September 23, 2013

Mrs. Mary Morris, 82, of Henderson, passed from this life on September 23, 2013. She was born September 30, 1930 in Yauco, Puerto Rico to the late Frank and Adela Olivieri Cheek. Mary was a homemaker and a member of First United Methodist Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Dr. Alfred E. Morris; daughter, Maria Eugenia Morris; and brother, Jose Thomas Cheek.

Survivors include: daughters, Leigh Ann Morris of Henderson, Melinda Denson and husband Mitchell of Tyler, Jennifer Thomas of Henderson, and Suzanne Dotson and husband Hardy of Henderson; grandchildren, Morgan Denson, Mallory Denson, Mason Denson, Taylor Thomas, Kelsey Thomas, Nolan Dotson, and Conner Dotson; and a host of other relatives and special friends.

Mom was a very selfless and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She helped raise us to be the strong, independent, yet nurturing women that we are today.

She was active in many women's service clubs. During her term as President of the Henderson Women's Forum, she was instrumental in securing Helen

Corbitt, cookbook author and creator of the Zodiac Room in Neiman Marcus, as program presenter. This was a very proud moment for Mom due to her avid love for cooking.

Our mother had many signature dishes. One of which was her famous rainbow angel food cake. Fondly remembered by our lifelong friends, it was a must-have at all of our birthdays.

She had an entrepreneurial spirit which led her on various business ventures. She brought the first travel agency to Henderson, which led to the opening of M&M Travel with her dear friend, Mary Jackson.

Mom particularly enjoyed spending time with her many friends playing Bridge and Mahjong. She also had many sleepless Thursday nights in anticipation of her 6:00 a.m. "Breakfast Club" gatherings. The group was known for their matching outfits.

Her legacy will live on through the lives she touched for many years to come.

Forever in our heart Mom, we will miss you.

Memorial services for Mrs. Morris will be held at 10 am Monday, September 30, 2013 at First United Methodist Church with Rev. David Luckert officiating, under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home. The family will receive friends following the service at the church.

If desired, memorial donations may be made to First United Methodist Church at 204 N. Marshall, Henderson, TX 75652, and/or the Henderson Animal Shelter at 2257 Hwy 259 S., Henderson, TX 75654.

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

Previous Events

Service

SEP **30**. 10:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
204 N. Marshall
Henderson, TX 75652

visitation

SEP **30**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Mary Morris



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - September 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Charles &Jo Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Morris



Charles &Jo Sanders - November 06, 2013 at 12:10 PM

PP

“ Pud Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Morris



Pud Patterson - September 30, 2013 at 08:33 AM

MB

“ Dear LeighAnn, Melinda, Jennifer and Suzanne,

Mary and I are so sad to hear about your Mom's sudden passing and hope you will all find peace soon! The news is admittedly a jolt to us as your Mom is one of those people who you just trust will be always be there. We are truly sad and disheartened and we can only imagine how you feel.

Mary grew up with "Aunt Mary" and all of you and I've had the pleasure of knowing your Mom and family for thirty years. Your Mom has always been this bigger than life persona that we so looked forward to seeing and spending time with and we know she loved all of you and your Dad more than anything on earth!

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Our prayers and best memories are with all of you and again, we hope you find peace of mind soon!

With Love,

Mary and Russ

Mary's niece Mary Cheek Belden - September 30, 2013 at 12:09 AM

RB

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With Love,

Mary Cheek Belden and Russ

Russ Belden - September 29, 2013 at 10:04 PM

AW

“ Today while shopping at Krogers I saw something that Mary would probably liked I picked up my phone and start to dial her number and the thought came over me she is no longer with us and her voice will just be a sweet memory! Gone to soon!!

Arlene White - September 29, 2013 at 10:03 PM



“ Andy Vinson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Morris



Andy Vinson - September 29, 2013 at 07:09 PM

CB

“ There are not any words to describe the loss of a Mom such as Mary ,unless you have experienced the pain. But the great thing in life are the memories we carry forward and you girls have an abundance of those. She was a shinning example of what a devoted wife and mother should be. It was an honor to have known both your mom and dad!
Charlotte & Billy Todd Bryan



charlotte bryan - September 29, 2013 at 12:16 AM

CC

“ Connie Boatwright Conner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Morris



Connie Boatwright Conner - September 28, 2013 at 09:17 PM

PM

“ Leigh Ann, I am so sorry for you and your sisters. I did not know your Mother but I do know how close you were to both your Mom and your Dad. I am sure they are enjoying Heaven together. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your sisters.

Pat McElraft

Pat McElraft - September 27, 2013 at 06:45 PM

DP

“ I have been thinking about Aunt Mary and all of my cousins ever since my cousin Melinda called me with the sad news last Monday- I have both laughed and cried ever since!....on Tuesday evening I was wiping down the kitchen counter tops when I suddenly let out a burst of laughter: suddenly, I realized that I had begun to remember Aunt Mary again because I was wiping the counters with paper towels, just exactly the way she always did, and that I often think about Mary while wiping the counters!!....Aunt Mary was always very special to me, and Leigh Ann, Melinda, Jennifer and Suzanne have always known this- I wonder if this could possibly be because Mary was my only aunt that was not actually a blood relative, and that that could possibly have been a reason for me to have more easily considered her to be a "friend"?....Aunt Mary and I shared many, many laughs, and many "one-on-one" moments over the years that I will forever cherish!....I love and miss Mary, but I am also forever grateful for having had this very special friendship with my very special aunt- God Bless!...with love to my cousins, David Morris Purdie

David Morris Purdie - September 26, 2013 at 07:44 PM

JS

“ Suzanne and family. you are in our thoughts and prayers.
Jimmy and Lena Simmons

Jimmy and Lena Simmons - September 26, 2013 at 11:47 AM

KS

“ *Kate Sledge lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Morris*



Kate Sledge - September 26, 2013 at 11:17 AM

MS

“ *Mary Kate Sledge lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Morris*



Mary Kate Sledge - September 26, 2013 at 11:15 AM

DK

“ *David And Peggy Keeling lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Morris*



David and Peggy Keeling - September 26, 2013 at 11:15 AM

TH

“ *TONI HARKLESS lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Morris*



TONI HARKLESS - September 25, 2013 at 04:21 PM

TP

“ Sending our deepest sympathy to your family at this difficult time.
Many prayers to all.

Texas Fresh Produce-Henderson - September 25, 2013 at 02:29 PM

SA

“ Shelesa Armstrong lit a candle in memory of
Mrs. Mary Morris



Shelesa Armstrong - September 25, 2013 at 12:54 PM

SH

“ Sue Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Mary Morris



Sue Henderson - September 25, 2013 at 08:51 AM

CC

“ Celina & Joe Cheek lit a candle in memory of
Mrs. Mary Morris



Celina & Joe Cheek - September 24, 2013 at 11:05 PM

CC

“ *Celina & Joe Cheek lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Morris*



celina & joe cheek - September 24, 2013 at 11:04 PM

AF

“ *Amy Miley & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Morris*



Amy Miley & Family - September 24, 2013 at 07:10 PM

GB

“ *Gale Austin, Jim And Marja Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Morris*



Gale Austin, Jim and Marja Brooks - September 24, 2013 at 05:52 PM

WY

“ *Wilma & Jim Young lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Morris*



Wilma & Jim Young - September 24, 2013 at 04:21 PM

SF

“ *Sonja Hale Patterson And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Morris*



Sonja Hale Patterson and Family - September 24, 2013 at 02:09 PM

DH

“ *Leigh Ann, Melinda, Jennifer, & Suzanne,*

I am sorry to hear about your Dear Sweet Mother. I remember spending time as a teenager after cheerleading practice and football games at your house. Your Mother always made each one there feel welcome. May God be with you all during this difficult time.



Debbie Wallace Holts

Debbie Wallace Holts - September 24, 2013 at 02:08 PM

CW

“ *Girls, your mom was a second mom to me. I have so many wonderful memories of being at your house, not to mention the trip to Europe Leigh Ann and I took with our moms when we were 16. Your mom was so much fun - a very special lady, and will be very greatly missed. Johnny and I - and our whole family - send you our deepest condolences.*

Cyndi Walker - September 24, 2013 at 12:36 PM

KF

“ *Kay Bateman & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Morris*



Kay Bateman & Family - September 24, 2013 at 11:40 AM

CB

“ *Cindy Hooks Belcher lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Morris*



Cindy Hooks Belcher - September 24, 2013 at 09:26 AM

RC

“ *Rhonda Chapman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Morris*



Rhonda Chapman - September 24, 2013 at 09:19 AM