



## Byrna L. Morrison

March 25, 2010 - March 30, 2010

Byrna L Morrison Byrna L. Morrison, born Byrna L Karcher, of Huntsville, Texas died peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family on March 25, 2010. Byrna, age 65, was born in Gladewater, Texas on August 14, 1944. Byrna lived in Hawkins, Texas until age 2-yrs after which her father was transferred to Houston, TX. and the family relocated there. She is the middle child of five, two older sisters and two younger brothers. Preceded in death were her father George Karcher and her mother Otha Lee Karcher and brother-in-law Kenneth Morrison. She is survived by her loving husband of 47 years, Marvin, son Scott of Cedar Park, daughter & son-in-law Shelli and Robert Weiss also of Huntsville and two granddaughters, Blair Young of Fayetteville, AR and Avery Anne Weiss of Huntsville. She is also survived by sisters and brother-in-law, Leola Decker of Leander and Shirley and Jack Porterfield of Centerville; brothers and sister-in-law, Ron Karcher of Leander and David and Sam Karcher of Dallas; sister-in-law Kathleen Brown and husband Larry Brown; sister-in-law Elaine Schwartz; mother-in-law Oween Morrison Cougot and husband Joe Cougot of Huntsville; and a number of nieces, nephews, cousins and other family and friends. Byrna enjoyed various careers working for the State of Texas. She first started out in the Field office for the Texas Highway Department and later worked for the Parole Board and retired from the Narcotics Division of the Texas Rangers, in Houston, Texas. Retirement allowed Byrna to be able to travel with her husband which is something she always wanted to do but was unable to with children in school

and responsibilities at work. They traveled to Portugal, Spain, and Argentina and made a lot of close friends along the way. Marvin's work took them to Singapore for 7 1/2 – 8 years. While Marvin was there full time, Byrna was able to travel back and forth to the United States when she started feeling homesick for family and friends. It was during this time, November 2001, that Byrna first learned she had Multiple Myeloma. She sought treatment at MD Anderson in Houston and underwent the first of two Stem Cell Transplants there. Even facing a cancer with no known cure, she made the decision to live each day as she would have normally. This choice was probably more helpful to her family than she would ever know. She showed so much strength and courage and didn't even realize it. To be able to go on with her life, never complaining, never asking "why me?", and never once thinking that life was unfair showed how truly special she is. She is an inspiration to her family, friends and her doctors and nurses – all those that have had the opportunity to know her. In 2003 she again underwent treatment for her multiple Myeloma. This time at UAMS in Little Rock, Arkansas. The doctors there were successful and were able to give her another 7 years cancer free. In between follow up visits during those 7 years she would travel back and forth between Singapore and their retirement home on Lake Toledo Bend. Once they were back in the states they built a second home in Huntsville, TX. Once complete Byrna began the task of decorating it with all the unique pieces they had collected over the years. Byrna's love of all things outdoors includes feeding the birds in the back yard and always made sure the bird feeders were full of seeds. She also loves to fish, both freshwater and bay fishing. If the fish weren't biting she was just as content to sit in her pontoon boat and just enjoy being on the water. If her family was visiting at the lake house that was always an excuse to get the boat in the water and head to the sand bar so the granddaughters could splash in the water. Spending so much time outdoors has given her children and grandchildren so many fun memories from when they were little: weekends at Gaylor Lake, trips to Colorado and Florida and camping on Lake Livingston. They all share the same love of the

outdoors. The family would like to thank Dr. Fritz vanRhee and the staff of UAMS in Little Rock Arkansas, Dr. Ather J. Siddiqi of the Respiratory & Sleep Disorders Specialists, Dr. Vincent Aquino of the Woodlands NW Houston Heart Center, and the doctors and nurses of Odyssey House Hospice Care of Conroe, TX for their expertise, care and kindness during this time. The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made to Myeloma Institute for Research and Therapy, UAMS, 4301 West Markham Street, Slot 816, Little Rock, AR 72205-9985 (<http://myeloma.uams.edu/make-a-donation/>) or Odyssey House, 100 I-45 North, Suite 300, Conroe, TX 77301 ([www.odshealth.com](http://www.odshealth.com)). Byrna is a Christian and never was there any doubt in her mind that she will be heaven with our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. Visitation will be held from 6:00-8:00PM Monday, March 29th at the Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home located at 1700 Normal Park Dr. in Huntsville, TX. A celebration of Mrs. Byrna L. Morrison's life will be held at 1:00PM Tuesday, March 30th at the Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home with Pastor Robert Shaddock officiating. Interment will be at Bennett Cemetery, off SH 94 north of Groveton, TX. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Byrna L. Morrison*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Marvin, our thoughts are with you during your bereavement. As I told you, I went to mass on Sunday 28th and lit a candle in remembrance of B at the alter of Mary the Virgin Mother of Christ our Savior and prayed for the repose of her soul as she entered in to heaven to be with the Lord Jesus. We shall continue to pray for her.*

*Kindest regards*

*Paul & Kathy*

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**Paul & Kath Nicholas, England, UK.** - March 31, 2010 at 11:51 AM



“ *Marvin, Shelli, and Scott, thanks to the Lord I had the great pleasure of working with Byrna in Narcotics DPS. I didn't know anything about how things worked in the office and she took me under her wing. She had a wonderful sense of humor, her laugh was contagious and she had a calming effect on everyone around. Even though we lost touch, I think of her often. May you feel the Lord's arms around you in this time of sorrow. Rest in peace Byrna. Love, Carolyn*

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**Carolyn Howren** - March 31, 2010 at 10:45 AM

AT

“ Dear Lee, I remember how much Buntie meant to you from all the conversations we had about her. I know that your memories of her and the times you had together will give you comfort as you grieve her loss. Know that I am holding you in my thoughts. Love, Ann

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**Ann Teague** - March 31, 2010 at 09:35 AM

SA

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time. Words can not express my heart felt sympathy. May God bless you and your family!

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**Shelli, Robert, Blair and Avery** - March 30, 2010 at 10:34 PM

JQ

“ Marvin, Shelli and Robert

*Know that my thoughts and prayers are with all of you today. Loving a loved one is never easy but what a joy to know that you will see her again in a MUCH better place.*

*Something that I remember from the old gospel song. "This world is not my home I'm just a passing through". She is Home, Happy and Healthy and best of all with the Lord.*

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**Janet Quinn** - March 30, 2010 at 01:17 PM

VG

“ I knew Byrna through the narcotics service. My deepest sympathies to the family. Rest in Peace sweet lady.

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**Vicki Guerra** - March 30, 2010 at 12:26 PM

AS

“ *Scott and Family, My prayers for comfort and peace are with you during this time. Blessings, Anne*

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**Anne Smith** - March 30, 2010 at 11:50 AM

JR

“ *Dear Shelli,*

*I am so sorry to hear about your Mom. I am sure she was a wonderful person and knowing you, I'm sure you as a daughter made her extremely happy. I know you have been off with her during these last few weeks. I hope this gave you time and her time to spend together to enjoy those last few precious days of mother and daughter.*

*They say, "time heals all wounds", but I cannot imagine time healing the passing of a parent.*

*God bless,  
Ricky and Jo Robertson*

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**Jo Robertson** - March 30, 2010 at 09:56 AM

RP

“ *I was so sorry to read of Bryna's death. She was a very warm person who obviously had a special gift of making others feel special. I regret that I missed being able to know her better. My sincere sympathy to all of you.*

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**Roberta Plant** - March 30, 2010 at 12:13 AM

DD

“ We feel as though we knew Buntie through her loving sister, Lee. Lee has spoken so often of Buntie, while living here in VA. We miss Lee and know this must be very hard for all of you. Buntie obviously left all of you with lots of wonderful memories and stories. We are returning to Fayetteville, AR for retirement. We are glad to know Buntie has family there and perhaps we will meet. We're also glad to know that the hospital in Little Rock was so helpful to her. My father died of Multiple Myeloma. We grieve their losses and thank them for all they gave us.

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**Donna Dover** - March 29, 2010 at 07:28 PM

AB

“ Mr. Morrison and family,

*I'm so very sorry to hear of Byrna's passing. She was always a joy to see and I will definitely miss her smiling face! My thoughts and prayers are with you all. May she rest in peace.*

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**Alisa R. Bissell** - March 29, 2010 at 03:46 PM

CC

“ Dear Marvin,

*Anis informed me of your wifes passing. I am so terribly sorry to hear of this and am also sorry to have never had the opportunity to meet her.*

*May God bless and keep you and your family.*

*Sincerely,*

*Chris*

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**Christopher Criner** - March 29, 2010 at 02:12 PM

TH

“ Dear Shelli, I am so sorry to hear of your family's loss. Your mom was such a beautiful person inside and out. You will be in my thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult time. Tracy

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**Tracy Coleman Hilton** - March 29, 2010 at 01:16 PM

DL

“ Dear Shelli - I only met your Mom once but she treated me as though she had known me for a long time. I enjoyed that day with her so much. I also know what a wonderful Mother she was by the way she raised you. Your intelligence, kindness, and zest for life are a reflection of her. Just know that the same strength that your Mom showed through her struggles, you too have inherited that strength. May you feel the Heavenly Father's loving arms around you and your family as he shares eternal peace and joy with your Mom.

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**Debra Little** - March 29, 2010 at 10:30 AM

EL

“ Shelli, I only met your mom once. When her and your dad were building their Huntsville home. But she made me feel very welcome and like I had known her for years. She is in a better place now and I feel all the better for meeting her.

*Eddie*

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**Eddie Little** - March 29, 2010 at 10:00 AM

EP

“ Dear Marvin and Family,  
We had the pleasure of meeting Byrna and Marvin in Little Rock while she was in treatment we were there at the same time getting treatment for my husband who battled MM for 13.5 yr and just passed away Feb.14,2010. I know first hand what they both went through. But as we all know that she is at peace and out of pain. She is fishing with my beloved husband and until we meet them again they will live in our hearts. I'm praying for all of you and if I can help in anyway please let me know.  
I love you Byrna you had GREAT strength and you put up a GREAT fight. I will miss your lovely smile. Marvin I will be here for you anytime we are in the same boat right now. You always have a friend. Peace be with you. Go with God. Take care. Love, Evie Patterson

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**Evie Patterson** - March 27, 2010 at 10:09 AM

TB

“ Marvin and Shelli, My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. I know that God will watch over you and get you through this.

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**Tim Bonvillion** - March 26, 2010 at 07:27 PM

RJ

“ Dear Lee-

We know that your sister battled this disease for a long time very valiantly. We are sorry to hear that she lost this battle. Our thoughts, prayers and love are here for your support and you will be in our hearts always.

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**Roger and Jill** - March 26, 2010 at 03:41 PM

RJ

“ Dear Lee-

*We know that your sister battles this disease for a long time very valiantly. We are sorry to hear that she lost this battle. Our thoughts, prayers and love are here for your support and you will be in our hearts always.*

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**Roger and Jill** - March 26, 2010 at 03:40 PM