



Cherry Martin Luna

July 11, 1955 - September 14, 2016

Cherry Martin Luna of Longview, Texas, died Wednesday, September 14, in Longview, Texas, after a brief illness. She was born in Norfolk, Virginia, on July 11, 1955, to Paul E. Martin and Betty Lou Crawford Martin. As a small child she lived in Waco, Texas; Cambridge, Massachusetts and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania before settling in Houston, Texas, where she grew up. Cherry graduated from Westchester High School in 1974 and received a Bachelor of Science degree from Baylor University in 1978. After graduation from Baylor, Cherry moved to Dallas where she began a career in employee benefits. In 1986 Cherry married Larry Luna and they had one son, Ryan Alexander, born in 1989.

In 1996 the family moved to Longview, Texas, where Cherry developed an award-winning business providing employee benefits to companies throughout east Texas. She was a top performer for Colonial Life and Accident for several years.

Cherry was a loyal friend and stayed in touch with most of the friends she made through the years. She was creative and had an unusually great talent for planning special events and gifts for those she loved. Her family was of utmost importance to Cherry, and she spent many hours visiting and vacationing with them.

Cherry received Jesus Christ as her Savior at age 8, and in recent years her life was made rich with God's Word, Christian music and sharing with others His love. Her office opened each week with a Bible study and prayer. During

her illness she was asked what Jesus meant to her and she replied, "He's my whole life." She was a member of Mobberly Baptist Church in Longview.

Her illness was sudden and a shock to all who knew her. During this time she never complained, pitied herself or said an unkind word to any who attended her. She had nothing but praise for her doctors and the outstanding nurses who cared for her at Longview Regional Medical Center. She truly handled her illness with grace.

Cherry is survived by her son, Ryan Luna, his wife Genesis, and her three grandchildren, Marguerite Luna, William Luna and one to be born in March, all of Waco. She is also survived by her parents, Paul and Betty Lou Martin of Montgomery, Texas; her brother Paul Alexander Martin and wife Patty, of Colleyville; her sister MaryLou Brieger and husband Duane, of Shavano Park; by nieces Tiffany Kalloor and husband Ken, Kristen Martin, all of Dallas, and Kelsey Martin, of New York City; by nephews Paul Dorton and wife Whitney, of San Antonio, and Andrew Martin, of Colleyville; great niece Evelyn Dorton and great nephew Alexander Dorton, both of San Antonio.

A visitation will be held in Longview at Rader Funeral Home on Friday, September 16, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Services will be held in Conroe, Texas, on Saturday, September 17, with visitation at 1:00 p.m. and the service at 2:00 p.m., at West Conroe Baptist Church. The graveside service will follow at Garden Park Cemetery, Conroe, Texas. Pallbearers will be Duane Brieger, Paul Dorton, Ernie Fletcher, Ken Kalloor, Andrew Martin, John Parsons and Paul Pressler. Instead of flowers, memorial remembrances may be made to the Gideons International or the Jesus Film Project of Campus Crusade for Christ.

A memorial guestbook may be signed at www.shmfh.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 17. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

West Conroe Baptist Church
1855 Longmire Rd
Conroe, TX 77304

Funeral Service

SEP 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

West Conroe Baptist Church
1855 Longmire Rd
Conroe, TX 77304

Interment will follow service

SEP 17 (CT)

Garden Park Cemetery
801 Teas Road
Conroe, TX 77303

Tribute Wall



“ *Cherry Martin Luna*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Cherry Martin Luna.*



October 06, 2016 at 05:08 PM



“ *Paul and Betty, just returned from a trip and read the Life Tribute about Cherry in the Friday Chronicle. I know that you are consoled by the promises of Jesus that Cherry is now with him and we will be there one day. My career was mostly insurance related so I feel a kindred to Cherry in that respect. Hope to see you both someday.*
Floyd Guest

Floyd Guest - September 21, 2016 at 03:24 PM



“ *Cherry was always fun to be around. She was kind and her family was always smiling.*

Terry Crotinger-Lindner - September 16, 2016 at 03:35 PM

SS

“ Always smiling and living life. Cherry loved the Lord and her family and friends.

She will be missed but will live on in the hearts of all that knew her.

Steve Swinney

Steve Swinney - September 16, 2016 at 11:25 AM

VV

“ Vicki V. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Cherry Martin Luna.



Vicki V. - September 16, 2016 at 11:12 AM

BS

“ Beverly, Penny, CWA Board and Staff purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Cherry Martin Luna.



Beverly, Penny, CWA Board and Staff - September 16, 2016 at 10:37 AM

KD

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I can't recall ever seeing her without a smile on her face. We will miss her at Colonial Life.

Kristen Detwiler - September 16, 2016 at 06:45 AM

LM

“Cherry was such a shining light. She will be missed.”

Linda Martin - September 15, 2016 at 03:26 PM