



Elizabeth "Liz" Giusti

January 22, 1952 - October 8, 2024

Elizabeth "Liz" Giusti, 72, passed away on October 8, 2024, in Huntsville, Texas. Born on January 22, 1952, in Dallas, TX Liz dedicated over 40 years to nursing, primarily at UTMB Galveston, where she was instrumental in starting the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program.

Liz graduated from Sweeny High School in 1970 and furthered her education at Alvin Community College, studying Nursing.

Apart from her professional life, Liz was a vibrant personality with a love for sports, cheering enthusiastically for the Dallas Cowboys and Houston Astros. She also enjoyed game shows, trivia games, and had a particular fondness for Mexican food.

Liz is survived by her daughter Jennifer Smith and husband Randy, sister Vicki Vrazel and partner Marion "Buc" Barnes, grandsons Dalton Smith, Randy Smith II and his fiancée Emily Biddle, great-grandchildren Stephen Morris-Smith and Immogen Smith, nephew Aidan Vrazel and his wife Liz, niece Zoe Vrazel, and her bonus family including daughter Diane Giusti and her partner Sherri Harrod, and son Anthony Giusti Jr and his wife Marian. She was preceded in death by her husband Anthony "Mickey" Giusti Sr., her father Charles Vrazel Sr., her brother Charles Vrazel Jr., and her mother Billie Joe Vrazel-Smith.

A service to celebrate Liz's life will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, November 2 at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in West Columbia, TX. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network

(RAINN) in her memory. Liz's legacy as a compassionate caregiver and loving family member will be cherished by all who knew her. Memorial condolences to the family may be made at www.shmfh.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Episcopal
West Columbia, TX 77486

Tribute Wall

LY

“ Liz was a client of mine years ago before she moved off the island. I remember her great sense of humor, strength and loved hearing stories about her daughter and that crazy swearing parrot she had. I didn't know her for a long time but she left a deep impression on me about grit, humor and perseverance. I admired ALL of the work she did to stand up for victims of sexual assault. I'm sad to hear of her passing and will always remember her. My condolences to her family and friends she held so dear.

Lynne - November 03, 2024 at 07:23 AM

WS

“ Jennifer, I've known your mom since 1983 just after I graduated from nursing school. We worked on a General Surgery floor. She worked nights with Ron Middaugh! He used to call her a scallywag! Then I worked with her in the ER for years. We were on the same matrix. Boy the stories we could tell! I went to be with her in the ER when Mickey died. I remember her Trans Am with the T-tops! And we all thought it was so cool that she had a satellite dish in the back yard! Mostly so she could watch the Astros games! I remember you growing up because she always talked about you! I really loved Liz. And you are right she was very much a compassionate nurse. She built the SANE program at UTMB. She really helped a lot of women during that time. I'm planning on being at the service on Saturday to pay my respects.

Condolences,

Wanda Sullivan (when I knew your mom it was Wanda Taylor)

Wanda Sullivan - October 28, 2024 at 09:46 PM

JE

I absolutely remember you. I also remember Katie and Brett, think I may have baby sat him a couple of times.

Jen - October 30, 2024 at 09:36 PM

BB

“ Liz & I worked together at UTMB ER and developed a friendship both inside & outside of work when she was in Galveston. She was so kind and funny with a great sense of humor, and always kept us laughing when she told of the antics of her parrot, Astro, and her dogs. Liz was truly a sweetheart. My thoughts and prayers are with Jennifer & the rest of Liz's family.

Barbara Bowers - October 26, 2024 at 02:02 PM

MP

“ I worked with Liz at UTMB for several years. She was a pleasure to work with. Such a kind person. so sorry to hear from passing.

Martha Philen - October 25, 2024 at 10:59 PM

JA

“ I am so saddened to hear of the passing of Liz. Liz was instrumental in my becoming an ER nurse as she was the departmental educator that 'schooled' new ER nurses such as myself. She later became a dear friend for years- someone I valued highly. During our later years we drifted apart as our lives took us to us different directions. My prayers are with her family, especially Jennifer- I know how much your mom loved you.

Jacqueline Aoughsten - October 25, 2024 at 10:14 PM

JG

I worked with Liz in Nursing Education at UTMB and have fond memories of those times. My condolences and wishes for peace and love for the family.

Jane Reinhart Gonzalez - October 30, 2024 at 02:30 PM

MH

“ *Marvin Hyvl lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Liz" Giusti*



Marvin Hyvl - October 10, 2024 at 11:45 AM

RP

“ *I will always remember her quick wit and humor she always showed when I was helping to move her. She was always kind to me and my family! But mostly,I remember how much she loved Dalton, and showed it! She will be missed!*

Rhonda Perkins - October 10, 2024 at 11:19 AM