



Grace Elizabeth Miles

August 15, 1934 - June 8, 2018

Grace Elizabeth “Beth” Miles, 83, passed away Friday, June 8, 2018 in Huntsville, Texas. She was born August 15, 1934 in Luling, Texas to James and Dora Mace.

Beth was a woman of many talents. She was a published author, an award-winning poet, a pianist, a singer and an artist. Upon marrying George (a fervent SHSU alum), in July, 1984, Beth quickly became an avid supporter of SHSU Athletics and the Alumni Association. Beth’s eloquence and precision in writing grant proposals and her grace and poise in the SHSU Development office facilitated major donations for Sam Houston State University.

After her retirement from SHSU, Beth used her talents to assist with fundraising for the Huntsville and New Waverly Libraries as well as the Old Town Theater. Her community involvement also included her beloved friends in her writers Group. She was a long time faithful member of Wesley Memorial United Methodist church and enriched the lives of many members through her founding and lengthy leadership of the SOAR group (Seniors Off And Running) with monthly excursions. She was active in the community choir as well as her church choir and was a participant in the community-wide Journey Through Bethlehem.

Beth loved Huntsville and spent countless hours volunteering at the Chamber of Commerce. She was on the hospitality committee welcoming people to Huntsville, going to ribbon-cuttings and helping with special events. She volunteered at the Sam Houston Folk Festival supporting the legacy of Sam

and Margaret Houston. Whenever a call came for help within the community, Beth was there lending her expertise with a gracious smile and sense of humor. She will be very missed.

Beth is preceded in death by her parents, brother James Mace, infant daughter, Carol and daughter Dawn Cosby Adams. She is survived by her husband George Miles, Jr., sons Randall and wife Janice Cosby, and Russell and wife Michelle Cosby, granddaughter Paisley, step-son Scott and wife Sheri Miles, granddaughter Kathryn and her fiancé Marshall Altom, granddaughter Emily and husband Matt Eberle, great-granddaughter Londyn; sister-in-law Lou Ann Miles; niece Jordan and husband J.R. Carson.

Family will receive friends, Tuesday, June 12th from 1-2pm with Service to be held at 2pm at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, Huntsville, Texas.

Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Brooke Cemetery

672 FM 980
Huntsville, TX 77320

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
(936) 291-7300
belinda@shmfh.com

Funeral Service

JUN 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Grace Elizabeth Miles*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *A beautiful lady inside and out. My condolences to George and family.*

Donna Schur - June 25, 2018 at 12:09 PM



“ *We are so sorry to George and the family for your loss of Beth. She was such an outstanding lady and pillar of our Huntsville community. Beth will be missed by so many of us in town. You are in our prayers at this difficult time.*

Very Truly Yours,

Will & Kathy Durham

Will & Kathy Durham - June 21, 2018 at 05:59 PM



“ *Beth and George have been valued and cherished friends to many thru their unselfish giving and sharing their valuable time. Our Prayers are with George and his Family.*

JD Davis and Family

JD - June 12, 2018 at 01:26 PM

PC

“ In my 38 years as a librarian in the University Library, I found Beth Miles to be one of those special people who were always a great pleasure to deal with. In my work in Special Collections I often needed information that was kept in the President's Office, and Beth was always helpful; alternatively, many questions regarding University history were forwarded to me by Beth. The loss of Beth reminds us of how much better the world would be if there were more people just like her. Paul Culp

Paul Culp - June 12, 2018 at 09:58 AM

TS

“ Beth as I knew her was a joy !! Beth and George met with us every 5 yrs when we had Class reunion and also Bar B Que we had once a year !!
George was our Classmate of Robert E Lee Class of 1957 !! Beth was sweet and wonderful. Always wanted to have more time together !! When I last talked to her wished we lived closer together so I could have seen her more often !! My prayers and thoughts are with you George and family !! 💖 Tami Spencer

Tami Spencer - June 12, 2018 at 07:32 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Grace Elizabeth Miles.



June 12, 2018 at 07:14 AM

CJ

“ *Beth was truly good lady. Aunt Dorothy Smith thought the world of Beth and George.
I worked with her at Sam Houston. Charles M. Lee Jr. Groveton, Tx*

Charles M. Lee Jr. - June 11, 2018 at 12:18 PM

JJ

“ *Beth was a true lady. When I remember Beth, it is with a smile. I am so very sorry for the loss of this beautiful person. My prayers are with the family during this difficult time.*

Jeannine Jacoby - June 11, 2018 at 08:41 AM

DW

“ *Beth was a very talented and strong lady and she will be missed. To her family I extend my deepest sympathy. May your memories comfort you during this difficult time.*

Dorothy Wooten

Dorothy Wooten - June 10, 2018 at 04:16 PM

DS

“ *Prayers and condolences for the family.*

Deborah Sledge - June 10, 2018 at 04:01 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Grace Elizabeth Miles.*



June 10, 2018 at 02:38 PM

KS

“ *Beth's voice was always a soothing lift to our souls each time she shared her talents as well as that winning smile. She is in the choir above welcoming us when we meet again. Love you always and may George and family be cradled in His comforting arms.*

Kathy Smith - June 10, 2018 at 10:10 AM

NL

“ *Beth was beautiful, smart, and talented. I will miss her.*



Nancy Leavell - June 09, 2018 at 08:08 PM

RC

“ My name is Randel Mace Cosby I am 65 years old and The woman you all know as Grace Miles was my mother. I was her first born child. I was followed by a sister "Carol" who died shortly after birth. Then came my brother Russell Warren, followed by a baby sister Dawn Elizabeth. We were the Cosbys and started our lives together in a little neighborhood named Alameda Plaza on the outskirts of Houston. My mothers first husband was James B. Cosby an ex-F.B.I. agent in the early years, who was a C.P.A. after leaving the F.B.I. and made a good living for us in that profession for the rest of his life until his passing in 1983. It was a couple of years later that my Mom and George got together an got married. George has been the most loving and faithful man that my mom could have ever hoped to find and I have been proud to call him my stepfather. My mom has been my best friend and salvation all my life and I feel truly lost and alone now, and I know George must feel the same. WE LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU ALREADY MOM!!!!!!!!!!!!!! And we will for the rest of our lives.

Your loving son,
Randel Mace Cosby

Randel Mace Cosby - June 09, 2018 at 07:50 PM

MH

“ My prayers for peace and comfort to Beth's family. She always had a friendly smile and personality to those she met and knew her. I enjoyed being around George and Beth. She will be missed by many. I know she is with our Lord receiving her heavenly rewards.



M. Hyvl - June 09, 2018 at 07:01 PM

RK

“ *Ron & Donna Koska purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Grace Elizabeth Miles.*



Ron & Donna Koska - June 09, 2018 at 12:39 AM

DK

“ *I first met Beth when I joined the "Delt Wives Club" about 38 years ago. She was exceptionally sweet and encouraging. She was concerned and supportive when I experienced a serious health issue, and I was blessed to be able to reciprocate when she was diagnosed several years ago. Beth was a sweet friend, who will be dearly missed, but I am certain she is singing in the heavenly choir today.*

Donna Koska

Donna Koska - June 09, 2018 at 12:28 AM

DM

“ It wasn't long after getting to know Beth that I told her that she was her initials -- GEM. She definitely was.

I had the pleasure of being her "boss" for three years at SHSU, and I became a fan during my interview phase when she said, "I'm not supposed to ask you this, but I'll ask anyway. How do you feel about having an assistant who is almost, ALMOST old enough to be your mom." And then she flashed that magic Beth smile. She could warm a room up with it. I told her that my mom was in Houston, so there wasn't a problem. We were a team from that moment on.

She was grace at all times, and I don't mean her name. And she was Mrs. Miles...the friend, spouse, partner and champion of George. Her humor, laugh, poise, talent, charm, voice, wisdom were always present and always welcome.

My heart goes out to all who loved her and miss her already.

~Dion McInnis

Dion McInnis - June 08, 2018 at 04:34 PM