



## Loretta Lea Murray

January 15, 1942 - February 3, 2022

Loretta Murray, 80, passed away on February 3, 2022, in Huntsville, TX. Loretta was born on January 15, 1942 in San Antonio, TX, to Lester and Ella Oleta Holmes. Loretta graduated from Robert E. Lee High school in Baytown, Texas in 1960 and went on to attend Sam Houston State University where she was a twirler. She started her career as a Legal Secretary and went on to work as a District Court Coordinator for Walker County where she later retired. Loretta married Guinn "Hootie" Murray on April 15, 1961 in Huntsville, Texas. The couple went on to have 3 children, Marva, Sharla and Kerry. Loretta was best known for her kind heart, glowing personality and being a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, lovingly known as our cute little Nana. Loretta is survived by Guinn "Hootie" Murray - husband, Marva Murray - Daughter, Sharla Murray Osborn - Daughter, Kerry Murray - Son, Anna Murray - Daughter-In-Law, Meagan Osborn - Granddaughter, Paige Osborn - Granddaughter, Garrett Butcher - Grandson, Easton Osborn - Great Grandson, Kendall Wheeler - Great Grandson and Brecklyn Osborn - Great Granddaughter Loretta is preceded in death by Lester Holmes - Father, Ella Oleta Holmes - Mother, Lester Holmes Jr. - Brother and Ryan Osborn - Grandson.

Visitation will be held on Monday, February 7, 2022 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville. The family would ask you to consider Memorial donations made in Loretta's name to: The Sam Houston Athletic Department (The Hootie Murray Scholarship Fund) at 620

Bowers Blvd., C/O Athletic Department, Huntsville, Texas 77340. Memorial  
condolences may be made to the family at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 7. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr  
Huntsville

# Tribute Wall



“ *Loretta Lea Murray*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *My most sincere condolences to Guinn Hugh (as Loretta would call him), Marva, Sharla, Kerry, and their families. I worked with Loretta beginning back in 1975 at what was then Davis, Davis, Durham, & Schulz. We sat in opposite corners of the secretaries room. She was always professional, efficient, and cheerful. I can hear Charles Davis now, coming into the room and saying, "Loretta, bring back your book." Back then we were still using shorthand. I was privileged to know her and work with her. Dawn Evans*

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**Dawn Evans** - February 25, 2022 at 01:44 PM

CB

“ To Uncle Hootie and the entire Murray family. My fondest memories are growing up in Elkins Lake and playing daily basketball, kickball and tackle football against the barbed wire sideline in the Murray backyard. A kids sports paradise with refreshments in the Murray kitchen when we would stop for a break. Aunt Loretta always welcomed us with a smile. So many cherished memories with all four families that shared the concrete neighborhood slab where we fought, laughed and honed our skills. For me personally, it became somewhat of a Christmas morning tradition to walk over to the Murray home for one (or two) of Hootie's famous Bloody Mary's and share a few laughs while donating my money to Hootie's college and Super Bowl squares. They have always been kind and generous with respect to our family, with particular thanks to their tireless and dedicated efforts to Robyn's memorial golf tournament and Sam Houston scholarship fund raising. I cannot express enough how much that meant to my parents, my brothers and to me personally to this day. Thanks is not a big enough word. May God continue to bless you and keep you close in his arms as you persevere and celebrate this remarkable woman and family. You are all and will continue to be, in our hearts, thoughts and prayers of the entire Barrum and extended family. Fly high Loretta and shine brightly. You will be missed.

Craig Barrum

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Craig Barrum - February 08, 2022 at 03:00 PM

TF

“ Our thoughts and prayer are with the Murray and Osborn family during this time. May the Lord embrace you and keep you close. God Bless.

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The Venette Family - February 08, 2022 at 09:15 AM

PM

“ Please know that your family is in our prayers. She was such a beautiful, friendly woman.

*Paula and Pamela Moak*

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**Pamela Moak** - February 07, 2022 at 10:17 PM

SL

“ My wife, Sue, and I were both shocked and deeply saddened to learn of Loretta's untimely passing. After visiting with her at the many class reunions we all attended, we had come to consider her a genuine friend. Sue particularly enjoyed getting to know her since neither of them were "Huntville ites" and they could sympathize with each other.

*Guinn Hugh, my friend, we mourn and grieve with you and your children. She was really a fine person, all your friends loved her also.*

*Sandy Lowry*

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**sandy lowry** - February 07, 2022 at 02:10 PM

JC

“ Jonathan C. purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Loretta Lea Murray.



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**Jonathan C.** - February 07, 2022 at 02:01 PM

JC

“ *Janice And Ronnie Choate lit a candle in memory of Loretta Lea Murray*



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**Janice and Ronnie Choate** - February 07, 2022 at 01:03 PM

JJ

“ *Prayers and thoughts for Hootie and family. I remember Loretta working for my dad at the TDC. I also baby set the kids back when I was in high school. She is a lovely lady who loved her family Rest in peace. Jack Heard Jr.*

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**Jack Heard Jr.** - February 07, 2022 at 12:22 PM

TF

“ *The Barnard Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Loretta Lea Murray.*



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**The Barnard Family** - February 05, 2022 at 06:10 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Loretta Lea Murray.*



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February 05, 2022 at 03:17 PM



“ *Lajuanda Morrow lit a candle in memory of Loretta Lea Murray*



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**Lajuanda Morrow** - February 05, 2022 at 02:55 PM



SAD

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**Lajuanda Morrow** - February 05, 2022 at 02:56 PM

BG

“ *Deepest condolences for the loss of a great lady. Prayers for your family.*  
*Bruce Green.*

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**Bruce Green** - February 05, 2022 at 02:14 PM

HS

“ *Helen Smith-Clark lit a candle in memory of Loretta Lea Murray*



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**Helen Smith-Clark** - February 05, 2022 at 02:02 PM

CN

“ *Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb lit a candle in memory of Loretta Lea Murray*



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**Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb** - February 05, 2022 at 01:47 PM

BR

“ God rest Loretta’s soul. I’ve known her since the 7th grade in Baytown, at Sam Houston and as the wife of my fraternity brother, Hootie. Prayers for the Murray family. Bob Roush

Bob Roush - February 05, 2022 at 10:48 AM

MC

“ Guinn Hugh, I am so sorry to read you lost Loretta. Haven't seen yall in a 'hunert years' but fond memories of the past live on.

Mark Chalker - February 05, 2022 at 10:29 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Loretta Lea Murray.



February 05, 2022 at 10:02 AM

SF

“ Steve and Lynne Colvin and family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Loretta Lea Murray.



Steve and Lynne Colvin and family - February 05, 2022 at 07:54 AM

SC

“ Stephen Colvin lit a candle in memory of Loretta Lea Murray



stephen colvin - February 05, 2022 at 07:52 AM

MS

“ Loretta was my first cousin and I didn't get to spend a great deal of time with her, but when I did see her, she was always so sweet and kind. She was a beautiful person, inside and out. My prayers go out to her family and friends. I am sure her passing is deeply felt by all that knew and loved her.

Mae Sheffield - February 05, 2022 at 12:02 AM

PB

“ Penney Baird lit a candle in memory of Loretta Lea Murray



Penney Baird - February 04, 2022 at 11:11 PM

MH

“ M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Loretta Lea Murray



M. Hyvl - February 04, 2022 at 11:09 PM

HF

“ *Condolences and Prayers for the family.  
God's Peace comfort you all. RIP Mrs. Loretta*



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**Harriett Jones & family** - February 04, 2022 at 10:08 PM

MW

“ *Mellicent Sikes Wiley lit a candle in memory  
of Loretta Lea Murray*



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**Mellicent Sikes Wiley** - February 04, 2022 at 09:54 PM

CM

“ *So sorry for your loss! She was the best and will be missed by  
many!!*

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**Camille Murray** - February 04, 2022 at 08:03 PM

TH

“ *Thomas & Jennie Hayman lit a candle in  
memory of Loretta Lea Murray*



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**Thomas & Jennie Hayman** - February 04, 2022 at 07:27 PM

RM

“ *I'm so sorry for the loss of your Mom. She was a very sweet lady. My thoughts and prayers with all of you.*



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**Rhonda Mauldin** - February 04, 2022 at 06:54 PM

BS

“ *Our deepest sympathy on this unexpected loss. We loved her and we love your family. May God comfort you during this difficult time.*



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**Becky and Don Spelce** - February 04, 2022 at 06:45 PM

GB

“ *She has been my best friend for so, so many years! My heart is broken and I will miss her forever!*

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**grace bohan** - February 04, 2022 at 06:37 PM

LS

“ *Love Michele Freeman and Shaun Smith purchased the Heart's Companion Bouquet for the family of Loretta Lea Murray.*



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**Love Michele Freeman and Shaun Smith** - February 04, 2022 at 06:29 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Loretta Lea Murray.*



February 04, 2022 at 06:24 PM



“ *When i went to work at Davis and Durham in 1995, Loretta had been there about 19 years. I did see her at the Courthouse . My condolences to Hootie and family.*

**Eleanor McWilliams** - February 04, 2022 at 06:17 PM



“ *Trisha Aker lit a candle in memory of Loretta Lea Murray*



**Trisha Aker** - February 04, 2022 at 06:00 PM



*Sending prayers to the family*

**Trisha Aker** - February 04, 2022 at 06:01 PM



“ *Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.*



**Dudley and Kathy Park** - February 04, 2022 at 05:47 PM