



Marjorie Ann Haynes

May 2, 1950 - February 2, 2018

Marjorie Ann Haynes was born in the Mojave Desert at Trona, California on May 2nd, 1950. As a vivacious teenager, Marjie attended Piedmont Hills High School in San Jose, CA, where she excelled in her studies, student government, pep and letter squads, and was voted “Most Spirited” in her class.

While studying English at the University of Hawaii in 1969, she agreed to a blind date with a Navy submariner, Richard Haynes of Lufkin, TX, who impressed her with his warmth and humor when a server accidentally spilled ice water over his slacks during the meal. The two wrote each other for several months while Marjie traveled with her grandfather through Europe, Asia, and parts of the Middle East, and upon her return, the couple were married by the ocean in her grandfather’s Oahu backyard in May 1970.

They relocated to Texas after Richard’s discharge from the Navy. Inspired by her fifth grade teacher, she began a career in education after completing a B.S. in Education from Stephen F. Austin University and an M.S. in Educational Psychology from Texas A&M University. She got her start as a special education teacher and soon transitioned into the role of diagnostician.

After the birth of her children, Kelly and Ryan, Marjie balanced her work with her love for celebrating holidays with her young family, like baking marvelously

decorated Santa cakes for the kids' home rooms and hosting an annual New Year's Eve party for relatives.

In 1989, she was hired at Windham School District (WSD) in Huntsville, which became the passion and apex of her career as an educator. Over 22 years at Windham, she helped develop and implement a variety of academic, vocational, and life skills programs aimed at reducing recidivism. She valued both the district's mission and her bond with her coworkers and earned the nickname "The Velvet Hammer". After retiring as WSD's Division of Instruction Director in 2012, she enjoyed visits to California to be with her mother and sisters, reading novels, and assisting her neighborhood homeowners association.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Richard, her daughter Kelly, her mother, Maryelyn, sister Evelyn and late husband Bill, sister Dorothy and husband Leonard, sister Judy and husband Jim, and younger sister Marian, as well as mother-in-law Louise, sister-in-law RoDona, sister-in-law Susan and husband Doug, brother-in-law Robert and wife Melanie, and many nieces, nephews, and extended family. She was preceded in death by her adored son, Ryan, her father, Stanley, and father-in-law, Ben.

A visitation and memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 3rd at the Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, TX. The visitation will be held from 1 to 2 PM, followed by the memorial service at 2 PM.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to CurePSP or the National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD).

Full obituary may be viewed and memorial condolences made to the family at www.shmfh.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

MAR 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Marjorie Ann Haynes*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I just learned of Marjie's passing and am filled with sadness for her loved ones. She was such a mentor, professional through and through and a true jewel personally. We worked on several projects together at TDCJ and Windham and formed a very special bond. There was always a hug to greet me wherever we ran into one another. Although I haven't seen her in several years, she made a lasting impression. Such a gift to all who met her!*

Janice Willett - March 19, 2018 at 09:24 AM



“ *I have never met a more phenomenal Mother than Mrs. Haynes. Most of my teen and adult years have her and Mr. Haynes in them. My heart is filled with such joy and honor to have had her in my life. She will be missed, loved and remembered forever. Chocolate chip cookies, hugs, late nights with Kelly, Donald and Jill are all I see!! I sure am going to miss you!*

Neosha Koch - March 03, 2018 at 09:54 AM



“ *Brian & Rhonda Cox purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Marjorie Ann Haynes.*



Brian & Rhonda Cox - March 02, 2018 at 11:39 PM

BC

“ *Marjie was one of the best people I have known in my life. I met Marjie when she applied for her job at the Windham School District, and I worked for and with her for 11 years. She was one of the kindest, warmest, and most honorable people I have met in my life. She stuck up for us in our battles with the bureaucracies, counseled with us and consoled us in the difficult times of our lives, and she disciplined us when we needed it. She was a great friend who had a wonderful sense of humor and who genuinely wanted to help others.*

Brian Cox - March 02, 2018 at 09:46 PM

JS

“ *Marjie was the kindest, sweetest person. She cared about others and was such a wonderful mentor to have. She was a fountain of wisdom and you listened to what she had to say. She did want to make a difference in the lives of others and she did, such a patient lady.
To her family who she loved so very much, I am so sorry for your loss.
Jan Solomon*

Jan Solomon - March 01, 2018 at 06:57 PM

MS

“ I just learned of Marjie's death today and I've spent most of the afternoon reflecting on what an enormous influence she had on my life; especially with my parenting skills. Not only did I work for Marjie but she and Richard had a soft spot for me of which I was very honored and they took me under their "wing". I look at her life and even though it wasn't long enough and too soon cut short by disease I know in my heart that Marjie is with Ryan and they are walking dogs, playing in the leaves, reading, laughing.....and most of all.....forever smiling down on her family.....and she's impeccably dressed and groomed :-) Prayers to Richard & Kelly.....my deepest sympathies.

Marsha Stang - February 13, 2018 at 05:33 PM

LP

“ Although I never had the opportunity to meet Ms. Marjorie, I know she was a lovely and special lady because I know her daughter Kelly. My friend, take comfort from the joyful memories and know that she is in you. I will remember you and your Dad in my prayers and ask the Lord to carry your burdens through this difficult time. Your mother raised a wonderful daughter. Love from Lynne Piippo

Lynne Piippo - February 06, 2018 at 06:02 PM

RT

“ Marjie was truly one of the smartest and sweetest ladies I had the privilege of knowing. She was a true lady in every sense of the word, and she was so kind to me when she was my boss. She loved her family fiercely and I always loved to hear of Kelly's time in England. I know Marjie is at peace now, but will pray for comfort for those she leaves behind.

Raye Tilley - February 05, 2018 at 10:57 PM

KS

“ *Marjie was a strong mentor in several situations and shared great orchid tips with me. Richard and Kelly...love and comforting prayers are being sent your way. So sorry for your loss. Love You!*

Kathy Smith - February 04, 2018 at 10:02 PM