



Mary Joyce Baldwin Boettcher

January 4, 1928 - September 11, 2013

Mary Joyce Baldwin Boettcher Mary Joyce Baldwin Boettcher completed her tapestry of life, September 6, 2013, at her home in Huntsville, Texas surrounded by her loving family. She was the daughter of Leonard Bush 'Len' and Maude Elizabeth Williford Baldwin. She was born in Huntsville, Texas, on January 4, 1928. She graduated from Huntsville High School in 1946, and married her high school sweetheart, Joseph Clinton Boettcher, in July 1947. They enjoyed 51 years together, prior to his death in 1998. Mary Joyce graduated from Sam Houston State University with a Master's Degree in Education. Her teaching career included teaching art and special education at Huntsville ISD, Humble ISD, New Caney ISD and Trinity ISD. She and Clinton opened Bookland on Sam Houston Avenue. She was an avid reader all her life. Mary Joyce and her brother Edward pursued genealogical research for years. She taught private art to many students. As an artist, she took great pride in making arts and crafts. Mary Joyce had a kiln that she used to finish many pottery projects. She gladly involved herself in all her children's endeavors. She participated in each one as a new adventure. She had a passion for growing flowers and roses. Besides art and flowers, she enjoyed playing bridge. She and Clinton played in the same bridge club for many years. She valued her friendships developed through the club all her life. She was predeceased by her parents, her husband, her sisters Elizabeth Baldwin Holman, Virginia Baldwin Squyres, Lyndal Baldwin Reece; and brother, John Baldwin. She is survived by her son, Joseph Clinton Boettcher, Jr., and

daughter Virginia Gayle Boettcher Samarneh and her husband William Zaid of Huntsville; grandchildren Clint Lee Boettcher and Lisa Marie Boettcher Schmit and her husband Andrew; and great grandchildren, Sarah, Joseph and Joshua Boettcher. Her grandchildren were of prime importance in her life. She enjoyed spending time with them in numerous pursuits. They seem to value her time and interest. She is also survived by two brothers, Leonard Bush Baldwin, Jr., of Laramie, Wyoming, and Edward Baldwin of Lafayette, Louisiana. The family wishes to give special thanks to Thee Hospice and her caregiver Ruth Blakes. They provided exceptional care in a loving manner to her and the entire family. Visitation will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 11, at the Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home Chapel, followed by a memorial service at 11:00 a.m., conducted by Pastor David Valentine. Pallbearers will be: Mac Woodward, James Patton, Joseph Samarneh, Zaid Samarneh, Dr. Lynn Post, DVM, and Clint Boettcher. Burial will follow in Mayes Addition, Oakwood Cemetery, Huntsville, Texas. Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Donations may be made to the SAAFE House, P.O. Box 1893, Huntsville, Texas 77342-14893 or at their website www.saafehouse.org or Rita B. Huff Animal Shelter, 530 Bearkat Blvd., Huntsville, TX 77340 or at their website www.ritabhuffanimalshelter.org. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Joyce Baldwin Boettcher*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I graduated from Huntsville High as did Mary Joyce and Clinton. I loved them both and saw that romance take place and was in contact with them for many years after they married. I am so sorry to hear of her death and my condolences go out to the family.*

Wayne Dolive - September 14, 2013 at 09:33 PM



“ *Huntsville High School class of 1945 will sorely miss our Mary Joyce. Many of us were classmates from first grade to HHS seniors, so we loved and appreciated her good qualities for many years. She was smart - an honor student - organized, reliable, sometimes the teacher's pet, but always a solid goodness. We pause to praise. We honor her as we say goodbye.*

John Warren Smith - September 13, 2013 at 09:25 PM

AN

“ *Gayle, Joe and Families,*

Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time. Your Mother was an amazing, creative person. I have many fond memories of gatherings in your parent's home and you Mother was an incredible hostess.

I regret that I was not available to attend the services; I am in Colorado for a few weeks.

Anita Natale

Anita Natale - September 11, 2013 at 10:13 PM

BL

“ *To the Boetcher Famikly:*

You all have our deepest sympathy. I knew Ms. Boetcher through her son Joe Boetcher who once was a coach at Richards and dear friend to our family. May God bless you and the family.

Benny & Annette Lewis - September 11, 2013 at 09:15 AM

BG

“ *Gayle, We are sorry for your loss, and regret that we cannot be there for you this morning. Loss is so difficult. We are praying for you and your family this morning as you go through this difficult time.*

Bill and Carolyn Gibson - September 11, 2013 at 09:09 AM

PB

“ Betsy called and told me about Mary Joyce's death. I am thinking of you and remembering the many wonderful family holiday dinners we all had at her home. She was a wonderful hostess, always so welcoming and giving. I know how deeply you will all miss her. My love and prayers. Pat

Patricia Baldwin - September 10, 2013 at 10:14 PM

VC

“ Gayle, I'm so sorry for the loss of your mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you during the days to come.

Virginia Cooper - September 10, 2013 at 07:35 PM

LO

“ Mary Joyce--She was so friendly and helpful to a beginning art teacher. I was fortunate to be able to follow behind her as an art teacher in HISD. Such a wonderful person.

Linda Morgan O'Banion - September 10, 2013 at 04:54 PM

LO

“ So sorry to hear about Mary Joyce. She added many great memories to my life both as a child and as an adult. She will be missed.

Linda O'Daniel - September 10, 2013 at 04:31 PM

CR

“ Dearest Gayle, just know she is free from the suffering and is filled with peace. I pray for you and the family she leaves behind. God blessed her with a long life and the friendships and love of many people. Give thanks.

Cheryl

Cheryl and Matt Reid - September 09, 2013 at 11:15 PM

BS

“ Gayle and Joe and family,

We are so sad to hear about Aunt Mary Joyce. I feel lucky to have seen her not too long ago. She had the biggest heart; I loved visiting her when I was young.

Thank you for letting me know. Love to all.

Betsy Baldwin Sunstrom - September 09, 2013 at 09:44 PM

BN

“ Gayle, So sorry to read about your Mom. She was a sweet lady. You will be in my prayers.

Beverly Conner Niederhofer - September 08, 2013 at 09:14 PM

GB

“ We were so sorry to hear of your loss! She was a neat lady and I know y'all will miss her terribly!

Grace and Harry Bohan - September 07, 2013 at 08:06 PM

RB

“ Sorry to hear about the loss of your mother you and your family will be in our prayers.

Rebecca Byrd - September 07, 2013 at 05:03 PM

MG

“ Gayle, I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. My thoughts and prayers will be with you.

Martha Grisham - September 07, 2013 at 03:03 PM

SV

“ Gayle, Joe and family, My sympathy on the loss of your dear Mom. Wishing you comfort now and in the days to come. God Bless - Sue

Sue Vermillion - September 07, 2013 at 01:11 PM

CA

“ I am so very sorry in the loss of Mary Joyce. She was such a good, caring person and will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you'all. May God bless you at this time. Sincerely, Carol

Carol - September 07, 2013 at 10:43 AM