



Dr. Mary Lynn DeShazo

August 14, 1929 - April 21, 2019

Obituary of Mary Lynn Davison DeShazo

Dr. Mary Lynn Davison DeShazo, age 89, of Huntsville, Texas, passed away on Sunday, April 21, 2019, in Huntsville, Texas. Dr. DeShazo was born on August 14, 1929, in Panola County to the late Lloyd Shipp and Fairy Bowers Davison. She married Charles William DeShazo in 1965.

Dr. Mary Lynn Davison DeShazo earned her Bachelors Degree from East Texas Baptist College in 1949, her Master's Degree from the University of Houston in 1957 and her Doctorate in Biochemistry from Texas A&M University in 1968. She began her education career teaching biology and chemistry in Port Arthur, Texas, Cleveland, Texas, and Houston, Texas. Beginning in 1957, Dr. DeShazo began 50+ years of service for Sam Houston State University teaching Chemistry and advising and mentoring students. In 1984, she became Assistant Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Sam Houston State University and in 1987, Associate Dean.

During her years of teaching, she received many honors, among them being designated Professor Emeritus of Chemistry in 2008, recipient of the Outstanding Educator Award 2007/2008 presented by SHSU Collegiate Alumni, recipient of SHSU Excellence in Service Award for 1994, and selected to represent SHSU at the National Recognition Program for Women at the University of Houston in 1985.

Mary Lynn had a generous spirit. She was a fierce supporter of equal rights and loved her home town of Carthage, Texas, which she returned to regularly

to visit family and friends.

Mary Lynn is survived by her step-son Don DeShazo and wife Hilda of McAllen, Texas; sister-in-law, Helen Davison of The Woodlands, Texas; nephew, Ben Davison and wife Sandra of Houston, Texas; niece, Ann Sattler and husband Scott of Seattle, WA; great-nephews, Austin, Carter and Parker Davison and Hank Sattler; and great-niece, Chloe Sattler. Also surviving are cousins, Donna Arnold and husband Bill, Lynn Poss and wife Sharron, and Lonnie Poss and wife Marcia all of Carthage, Texas; Hubert Parkman and wife of Tenaha, Texas.

Mary Lynn is preceded in death by her husband, Charles DeShazo; and brothers, James Lloyd Davison and Tollie Bowers Davison.

Special thanks to friend and caretaker, Jo Ann Redd and husband Eugene of Huntsville, Texas as well as Taylor Klett, fellow professor and long-time friend for the roles they played in Mary Lynn's life.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to either of the following charities:

Susan G Komen Breast Cancer Foundation
Baylor Scott & white Central Texas Foundation

Cemetery Details

Antioch Cemetery

Carthage, TX 75633

Previous Events

Lie in State

APR 26. 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

APR 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Mary Lynn DeShazo*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I worked for Dr. Deshazo in 1979 teaching a lab for one of her classes. Very nice and knowledgeable professor. RIP Dr. DeShazo.*

Donald Leger - August 17, 2020 at 01:19 PM



“ *Lora Dollar lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary Lynn DeShazo*



Lora Dollar - April 29, 2019 at 08:14 PM



“ *Charlotte Efird lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary Lynn DeShazo*



Charlotte Efird - April 27, 2019 at 08:43 PM

MH

“ M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Mary Lynn DeShazo



M. Hyvl - April 27, 2019 at 08:00 PM

RN

“ Mary Lynn was a wonderful colleague who deeply cared about her students. At the end of every fall semester, for our annual Christmas gift exchange, she filled up a box with food to help a student get through Finals week. It was always greatly appreciated.

Rick Norman - April 26, 2019 at 09:28 PM

DT

“ Mary Lynn was a wonderful member of the chemistry department at Sam Houston State University. She cared deeply about both her students and her colleagues, and she blessed us frequently with her wisdom and her kindness. Once when my parents were visiting, my mom slipped and broke a bone in her foot. Shortly thereafter, Mary Lynn came by my office with a pecan pie for my mom. What a beautiful gift of encouragement! Mary Lynn was often very generous. Through her blessings, Mary Lynn also set a wonderful standard for those of us who follow her. May we rise to that good challenge!

David E. Thompson - April 26, 2019 at 06:34 PM

DH

“ It was such a pleasure to get to know Mary Lynn when I joined the Chemistry Department. She cared so much for all of those around her, and that included our children for a lot of us. She was so giving. I am glad that so many Sam students got to benefit from her years of wisdom. To her family, I'm sorry for your loss.

Donovan Haines - April 26, 2019 at 01:06 PM

DB

“ Always supportive of students, loyal to fellow faculty, a consummate professional. Mary Lynn will be missed.
David and Darlene Burris

David and Darlene Burris - April 25, 2019 at 09:26 PM

TF

“ The Davison and Sattler Families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. Mary Lynn DeShazo.



The Davison and Sattler Families - April 25, 2019 at 07:16 PM

RM

“ Rusty & Lisa Moss lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary Lynn DeShazo



Rusty & Lisa Moss - April 25, 2019 at 03:50 PM

JM

“ Mary Lynn was a good friend and great colleague. No one was more concerned about her students. She always greeted me with a smile and asked about Joyce and Leigh.

Jimmy Merchant - April 25, 2019 at 09:53 AM

MW

“ Mellicent Wiley lit a candle in memory of Dr. Mary Lynn DeShazo



Mellicent Wiley - April 25, 2019 at 12:36 AM

BC

“ I truly am so sad to hear this. Dr. DeShazo was an amazing, caring and dynamic person; and I will miss her presence at SHSU very much. I had her as a professor in my undergrad, twice, and she is the only reason I got a 'B' in Chemistry (which was still probably generous on her part lol). But she had a genuine passion for teaching and students and it shown bright. The Bearkat Family, while thankful for her amazing life and time at SHSU, suffers a great loss in her passing. My deepest condolences to all of her family and friends.



Brandon Cooper - April 24, 2019 at 09:53 PM

LR

“ She was a wonderful woman who made me feel welcomed and at home when I first came to SHSU in 1990. She never failed to inquire about my family or make people feel loved and valued.

Lori Rose - April 24, 2019 at 09:27 PM

JJ

“ I am so very sorry for the loss of Mary Lynn DeShazo. A sweet, kind lady. My prayers are with the family during this difficult time.

Jeannine Jacoby - April 24, 2019 at 08:09 PM

BL

“ A special lady and a remarkable professor. She is missed.

Bobby Lane - April 24, 2019 at 07:28 PM

CA

“ Dr. Dr Shazo was a precious lady that will be greatly missed... I will think of her every time I see peaches... Prayers for her family and Jo Ann.

With love,

Cherry Altman

Cherry Altman - April 24, 2019 at 05:55 PM