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E’vonne Laughlin Morris

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E’vonne Laughlin Morris passed away on July 1, 2019. A memorial service officiated by Pastor Karen Tyler will be held there at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 5. The family will receive friends preceding the service from 10 to 11 a.m. in the church gymnasium. For those desiring, donations may be made to the building fund at Cedar Bayou Grace United Methodist Church, 2714 Ferry Road, Baytown, TX 77520.

E’vonne Laughlin Morris (January 22, 1953 – July 1, 2019) passed away peacefully with loved ones by her side. She was ready to meet her Lord and Savior following a long illness, which she faced with courage and a calm abiding faith.

E’vonne was preceded in death by her father, Willett E. Laughlin and her husband of 38 years, Jimmy H. Morris.

Left to cherish her memory are her mother, Brunella Laughlin of Baytown; son and daughter-in-law, James (Bo) and Erika Morris and granddaughter Tate of San Diego, California; son, Justin Morris of Frisco; sister and brother-in-law, Cherie and Joel Melendez of Beach City; nephew and wife, Adrian and Emily Melendez and great-niece Celeste of Houston; sister-in-law Yvonne DeKalb of Warner Robins, Georgia; and brother-in-law Bobby Morris and wife Lynette of Opp, Alabama. E’vonne is also survived by beloved cousins and family members on both sides of the Laughlin and Morris families as well as a host of treasured friends, neighbors and co-workers, including close family friend Vickie Dearman.

A graduate of Robert E. Lee High School (1970) and Lee College, E’vonne enjoyed a diverse career that included steel manufacturing (U.S. Steel) and education (Baytown Christian Academy, GCCISD and Lee College). She retired in 2015 from Lee College where she served as Assistant Registrar and Foreign Student Advisor.

One of E’vonne’s passions was assisting her foreign students achieve their dreams in education, many of whom remained in close contact with her to share their life events.

E’vonne was an active member of Cedar Bayou Grace United Methodist Church, where she and Jimmy raised their family. The center of her world was her family and home. She considered her two sons, James (Bo) and Justin, to be her greatest gifts; their daily calls were the most special time of her day. She also delighted in skyping with granddaughter Tate to hear her say, “I love you, Evie.”

E’vonne was an excellent Southern-style cook, sharing her inviting kitchen with neighbors and friends. She enjoyed making her family’s favorite foods, and her holiday treats were a highly anticipated tradition. E’vonne’s acts of kindness were abundant as was her time to listen and share sage advice; these traits will leave a distinct handprint on many hearts.

E’vonne was especially fond of the Alexander Chapel at Cedar Bayou Grace, where she felt a sweet spirit was ever present.

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