



Austine Beard Filla

August 9, 1930 - January 27, 2014

AUSTINE BEARD FILLA, 83, born on August 9, 1930, in Guy, Texas, peacefully passed after miraculously living over a year with breast and liver cancers. Austine is now in heaven with her husband of almost 52 years, Lee Fred Filla, the love of her life. Also, Austine was preceded by her parents Shirley Austin Beard, Sr. and Etta Crook Beard plus siblings Shirley Austin "Buddy" Beard, Jr., Sidney Pierce Beard, and Barbara Ann Beard..

She is survived by her two devoted daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Ron Esch of Missouri City, and Nancy and Robin Dutton of Louisville, Colorado; two granddaughters and their husbands, Laura Holmes Chris of Houston and Lisa Harris Paul of Missouri City; and four great grandchildren: Collin Holmes of Houston, and Dustin Turner, Timmy Harris and Leah Harris of Missouri City; sister Mary Rayner of Anahuac; brother David Beard of Needville and two nieces, Dawn and Melanie Rayner of Baytown.

Austine enjoyed reading, researching genealogy plus helping family and friends. Education was a priority in her life. She attended a country school in Long Point, Texas, where she and fellow classmates watched for bombers during World War II. She graduated with honors from Mirabeau de Lamar High School in Richmond where she was a band majorette and class leader.

Austine received a Bachelor in Business Administration degree with a minor in English at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville. Inspiring students with her compassion for learning, Austine taught business subjects at Boling High School and then at Angleton High School.

Throughout her life, she was an active member of Needville United Methodist Church, the First United Methodist Church in Angleton; Gethsemane United Methodist Church in Sharpstown; the First United Methodist Church in North Hollywood, California; then the Sugar Land First United Methodist Church. Austine grew up on an historic ranch in Fort Bend County. Proud of her Texas heritage, she was an active member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Descendants of Austin's Old Three Hundred, and Battle of San Jacinto Descendants. Her ancestors survived the Alamo siege and the Black Bean Episode during the Mier Expedition.

For many years, Austine served as Trustee/National Representative and Chapter Delegate at biannual conventions as a member of Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society Chapter 4520 in Houston.

Visitation is 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, January 31, 2014, at Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapel, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd, Rosenberg, Texas. Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m., on Saturday, February 1, 2014, at Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapel.

Austine's family thanks Chelsea Gardens and Silverado Hospice for their compassionate and competent care.

Donations in Austine's memory can be made to the Sugar Land First United Methodist Church.

Tributes and words of condolence may be left for the family at www.davisgreenlawnfh.com

Tribute Wall

BH

“ Linda, we are all so sorry about your mother. She was a great teacher and we all loved her very much. I know what you have been through because we went through the same thing with my mom. Cancer is a horrible thing. We love you let me know if we can help in anyway. Love,
Beverly Cumberland Huffman
and Michael Don Huffman

beverly huffman - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ I loved your mom and dad. They were so happy together and loved you girls so much. I remember her typing class and I loved it. We had some good times and great childhoods because of our parents, Linda. It is hard when we become the mothers of our mothers. I know she is so thankful for your loving care. Remember the good times, the sweet times, the family times. They do live on here on earth and we can rejoice in the knowledge that we will have even better times in Heaven.

Linda Carroll - February 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ Linda, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. What a blessing to know she is with her Lord and Savior. As you shared, others were helped with your mom's illness, thwarting more suffering for loved ones in your family. Take care and God bless

Vanda Mathis - February 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Linda and Nancy,
I am so very sorry to read about this. I loved the photo of your mother -- that is exactly how I remember her! Isn't it funny how you just don't forget people from your childhood. Well love you dearly. You are in my heart. Gail

Gail Steele - February 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Austine will sorely be missed by me and everyone who knew her and loved her. She was a wonderful person.

Kris - February 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Linda, Nancy, your families and David

My sympathy and prayers are with you as you mourn the passing of Austine a kind and loving lady. She and Lee will always be remembered.

Carol Davis Jones - February 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ Linda, Laura, and Lisa, I am sorry for your loss. I feel lucky that I got to know Austine during her great grandson's birthday parties. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time.

Maria Vivona Varesic - February 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ With heartfelt condolences to Linda and Nancy, for the loss of Ms. Filla.

Our prayers are with you all.

May she rest in Peace.

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It was wonderful meeting such caring daughters...

Sarah, Dora and Ginny Donis - February 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ Nancy and Robin, We so wish that we could be there with you today. Nancy, your Mother was greatly blessed to have your devoted and loving care not only recently, but throughout her life.

We are thankful that she is now in Perfect Peace.

Ann and David Austin - February 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ With deepest condolences to Austine's family from the family of Herminia Woytek Bohacek. I know you will miss her greatly my she rest in peace in God's loving arms.

Patricia Bohacek, John Bohacek Jr.

Patricia Bohacek - January 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Linda,

My deepest sympathy and prayers go out to your family. I know, she appreciated all the care you, and your family gave her.

You're a great loving daughter, and she is in the heavens above and will now, rest in peace.

MaryLou Castillo - January 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Robin and Nancy, I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. My thoughts are with you.

Mike Hicks - January 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ I'm so sorry to hear of your loss.
Maybe my dad and your mom will meet up at heavens gates and will share times they had at Chelsea.

I went by Chelsea Gardens to pick up my dad belongings and they told me your mom had passed way. I enjoyed visiting with you when I was spending time with my dad.

I know you will miss your mom as much as I will miss my dad.

Sara LaPorte Griffin - January 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ My condolences to the bereaved family. May our loving Heavenly Father provide you with whatever is needed so you can cope with your great loss. Also you can look forward to the removal of all causes of death, pain and sorrows.. J.E.

J. Edwards - January 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Thank you for letting us take care of her be part of her life.

Bill and Jennifer Nipper - January 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ The family of Wilma Woytek Vacek, send our deepest condolences on the loss of your dear Mom. May she rest in eternal peace with our Heavenly Father.

Diane Andrus - January 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Nancy,
My sympathies and prayers are with you and your family as you come together to mourn the loss of your mother. Although I never met her, I can see that she lives on in you. I pray God's comfort support you. Love, Lou Anne

Lou Anne Kahlich - January 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Remember many happy visits to your home on Evans Street in Angleton. Congrats on your mom's entrance to Heaven, and blessings to her offspring!

Carol Braswell Wilson - January 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ I adored your mom. I was in her typing class at AHS. I've often wondered what she thought about our thumb typing we do now with our iPhones. May she rest in peace and may you find comfort in knowing how many lives she touched with her positive and sweet style of teaching.

Kathy Hess Fisher - January 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ On behalf of the Silverado Hospice team, your family is in our thoughts during this time. Please accept our deepest condolences.

Kristen Griffith - January 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ My sympathy to Austin's daughters and their families. Austine will be remembered for her many accomplishments during her high school years, she was always so excited about evrything.

Marcella Demel Hackstedt - January 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Linda, Nancy and family, you will be in my thoughts & prayers. We share lots of memories with all of you - the Colorado "adventure" always comes to mind and makes me smile. Woodmen conventions just won't be the same without her! She was a very special lady who touched lots of lives. God Bless all of you.

Karen Rhodes - January 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Love to all her family.

judy holmes - January 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I remember Mrs. Filla from my years in Angleton. May the Lord be of great comfort to her family.

Debbie Frazier-LeBlanc - January 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Mom: We have been through a lot together though these years. I have always been impressed with your wonderful memory, penchant for details, and your love for family. You have always been True Blue for us. I remember all those years when you and Lee Fred would come to our house in Colorado and work on all the things that needed fixin while I had to work overseas. You gave our home some character and spirit...and probably helped keep me married to your wonderful child...my bride...Nancy. I'm sorry I stole her away from yall, but we have done pretty good up there. We will miss you..but I'm glad you are out of your misery and up there with Ole Cat Dad. I love you both and I'll see you soon...in the scheme of things. Thanks be to Jesus for making it possible for us to have a family reunion in Heaven.....love...rd

Robin Dutton - January 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Yes, though heaven welcomed a dear saint and a very special lady, still our hearts feel the sorrow. May your memories sustain you and yours till you meet again. With our sympathy and loving prayers.

Carole Yoes West & John - January 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ My sincere condolences to you and your family, Linda. Mrs. Filla was such a sweet, kind-hearted lady, much loved by her students.

Alice Woodside Lynch - January 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Aunt Austine, you were an amazing lady and I have so many great memories of you and Uncle Lee. I know you are having a grand time with Uncles Lee, Buddy, and Pierce and Grandma and Grandpa, and Barbara. You will be missed by all of us but we will see you again.

Melanie Rayner - January 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ So sorry to hear our dear friend has gone to a better place. She will be greatly missed.

J.R.& Karole Coleman - January 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ I am sorry to hear of your loss and will be remembering your family in my prayers.

Debbie Holcombe Johnson - January 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ She was my favorite teacher of them all. She gave me self esteem by her method of teaching. Always smiling and in a good mood is what I remember. Some people make a great difference in lives they touch and austine filla did in mine and I am sure many others. She will be missed.

Barbara bohhot Langdon - January 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM