



Hope Cook Wright

March 24, 1946 - June 29, 2020

Hope Cook Wright, 74, of Austin formally of Rockdale, died on Monday, June 29, 2020 at St. David's Hospital in Austin. There will be visitation on Monday, July 6, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. until noon at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale. At noon the family will have a funeral service that will be live streamed on the Phillips & Luckey website.

HOPE – A Life of Love ... A Life of Service

Hope Cook was the second child of Willie Doris Anderson Cook and Leroy Alton Cook. She entered this world on March 24, 1946 in Rockdale, Texas. Her father passed away before she was born. Hope and her older brother Thomas Barry Cook were inseparable and soon became “Hope and Barry”. They traveled to California to visit maternal grandmother Willie Prillie Anderson and lived around paternal grandmother Birdie Cook. They grew up in a close knit, blended family with Aunt Edna and cousins Bonnor and Liz. Their upbringing was filled with love, encouragement, “small town” values, and all were nurtured by strong women who were the cornerstones of the family. Hope was fascinated with family history and thus began her research that she would share with all family members the rest of her life.

Growing up in Rockdale, Hope was a spirited child who was smart, witty, and even a rebel in some ways. She received Christ as her Lord and Savior and was baptized at an early age at New Hope Baptist Church. Hope attended Aycock from elementary to graduation. Aycock was the backdrop that bred close relationships with her best buds Clara, Daisy, and other Aycock

schoolmates that lasted a lifetime. After graduation in 1963, Hope attended St. Phillips College in San Antonio, Texas. She later wed high school sweetheart Eugene Wright on May 28, 1964 and began the life of a military wife that took her to Ohio and ended in California. She was soon blessed with her first born, Loren Eugene Wright and a second son, Todd Patrick wright. Her boys were the loves of her life.

After a separation, Hope moved to Austin, Texas and began a new life. She had converted to Catholicism, was a working independent woman, and once again found herself in a blended household with her mother, kids, and Godson Marvin "Baby" Lauderdale was a fixture in the family. Hope worked for the state of Texas in child support services, as a reservations agent for Sheraton Worldwide Reservations, and later did intake for Meals on Wheels. She raised two wonderful young men, took care of her mother, and became the matriarch of the family. She was purposeful in her faith, attended mass regularly, and was a member of the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxillary Holy Cross Court #284. She was revered in her neighborhood and known throughout Austin. In short, everyone knew "Hope".

While obituaries state the obvious, tell of a person's humble beginnings, and connect the dots of their live from start to end, they do not always capture the essence of the beloved one. Our family has been dealt a blow. We know that God is in control, but our recovery will take some time. We will get to the other side of our grief, bolstered by faith, love and support of each other and the wonderful memories we have of our dear Hope. Hope was a shining light that drew everyone in. We all wanted to be around "Hopey". She was adventurous, well read, outgoing, funny, and loved to talk. We loved to listen. If the ultimate goal in life is to love and be loved, Hope Cook Wright accomplished both.

Hope did not complain. She took the chance she was given to live this life and lived it to the fullest. She was our rock, our glue, our touchstone and created a historical road map that led us to where we are today. It is our mission to carry on the family legacy she chronicled for us.

Hope was preceded in death by her parents, special aunts, uncles, and great

nephew. Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Eugene Wright; beloved sons, Loren Eugene Wright, Todd Patrick Wright; her big brother, Thomas Barry Cook (Gwen); three grand-daughters: Whitney, Brianna, and Raven; one great grand-daughter McKenzie; nieces Jackie, Latisha, and Necole; Aunt Laverne; Special cousins - the Galloways (McQuitter), Mitchells, Andersons, Cooks, Manjangs (Wades), Williams, and Reeds. Special childhood friends Clara Brooks and Daisy Majors; her Aycock family; special nieces, nephews, and a HOST of relatives and friends. All of you were special to her.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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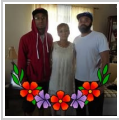
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“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Hope Cook Wright*

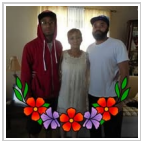


Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - July 05, 2020 at 01:54 PM



Thank you for all of your kindness. Hope's family is grateful for all of your care as we sent her on her last journey!

Deneene Mitchell - July 21, 2020 at 04:45 AM



“ *My beloved Hope Cook! I miss you so much... I can't imagine the rest of my days without you here. You were our rock, our history book, our strength, and our wisdom. I pray that you're surrounded by hundreds of yellow roses! I know that you're surrounded by so much love and peace! I pray to be with you again some day! Kiss my beautiful mother for me! Love you Hope Cook!* 🍷🍷🍷🍷🌻🌻🌻🌻



Deneene Mitchell - July 21, 2020 at 04:41 AM

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“ ~ Sabrina purchased the EBN Mother - 9" Ebony Angel Figurine for the family of Hope Cook Wright.



~ **Sabrina** - July 06, 2020 at 03:22 PM

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“ To the Cook and Wright families, No words can even come close to expressing how it feels when you lose someone you love. She will be missed dearly from me. I will miss our talks that we used to have. I will always hold on to the good memories of the good times that we shared. I will definitely miss our shopping excursions that we used to do, we would shop for anything that was going on from clothing, food for house, or for family reunions you name it. We did realize that we had the same taste in clothes, food, and how we decorated our homes, so yes she will be missed dearly.

Sheila Tennon - July 06, 2020 at 03:16 PM

“ *Beyond Tears...*

My condolences and sympathy to Loren, Tang (Todd), and Hope's extended family. I could write about my memories of Hope (Mrs. Wright I called her) for hours. I'm going to write a "short" message about her and express more memories when talking with the family later.

I met Hope when I was a very young child. She was "One of a KIND" and one of the "Neighborhood Moms" in Mason Manor, Grant Villa, and probably Springdale Garden Apartments. From elementary school to becoming a mother of two adult children of my own, I have stayed in connect with Hope. I love Hope SO much and miss her dearly!! She ALWAYS treated me like family.

So many precious, sweet, and ADORABLE memories... Hope and I would talk on the phone for "hours on end." She kept me updated on what was going on with her, her family and our neighborhood friends. Hope made everybody she met feel special. She always talked about having her hair "on point." She was beautiful inside and out. Hope had such a beautiful soul, she had a beautiful smile, and a loving heart. Definitely going to miss our conversations, her GOOD cooking, and love for me (Yep, there was never any doubt she loved me; she told me so).

I can honestly say, I don't think I've EVER talked to Hope without her talking about Loren and Tang (Todd). She truly loved her sons! I'm going to stop there, cause I can write more, but I'll stop. I just miss Hope dearly and I'm so GRATEFUL to be able to write about her today. What a jewel she was and such a GOOD friend.

To Loren, Tang and Hope's extended family:

She loved you all. Some of you I've never met, but she talked about her family like I knew you all. After all these years, I felt like I knew you all...

I pray God will touch and comfort each of you. God is SO Good, SO Good!

*Sabrina Nichols & The Nichols Family
Grant Villa/Mason Manor
The neighborhood already know...Love you Loren and Tang*

SABRINA NICHOLS - July 06, 2020 at 03:07 PM

HC

“ *My condolences to the family of my dear friend Hope! My “buddy”! We talked about us doing “old lady activities” and our Stimulus Checks! Lol I’m going to miss you Hope, you were my real friend even though we hadn’t seen each other in years, we never lost touch! I remember at work they called us the “Walmart Queens” because we would go to Walmart late at night to shop or just look around! I love you buddy forever!!!! You were a beautiful soul!❤️*

Helen Sparks Cole - July 06, 2020 at 03:01 PM

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“ *To the Wright and extended family of Hope, May God fill your hearts with the love, joy, and memories Hope left behind and cherish every special moment that you have with one another.*

D'Ann

Lucinda Edwards - July 06, 2020 at 12:35 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Hope Cook Wright.*



July 06, 2020 at 11:19 AM

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“ Condolence to the family. Hope was a longtime friend of mine. Since 1968-69 we met at Edwards afb California. we have been friends ever since. Just found out tonight. She will be missed. I will miss our ever so long conversations on the phone. We have done a lot together. I visited her in Austin couple years ago. RIP my friend.



Edlin Crawford - July 06, 2020 at 01:44 AM

JR

“ Hope, you will be missed. It was such a pleasure reconnecting with you and I will always cherish our friendship and my fond memories of you. Joann R.

Joann Robertson - July 05, 2020 at 10:20 PM

MM

“ My deepest sympathy to Tang, Loren, Barry and all extended family members. Hope was a rare jewel. She shared love with everyone she met.
I'm so thankful for her life. I pray that God will comfort your hearts. Hope will forever be in our hearts. She has left a rich legacy.



Marilyn Manjang - July 05, 2020 at 07:42 PM

VF

“ Hope was my beautiful and faithful friend for over 45 years. She and I always kept in touch despite living in different cities. We kept in contact the ole fashion way, via phone calls. When we spoke on the phone we would always reminisce about the “good ole days”, our innocence “back in the day”, our pursuit of a college education while raising our loving children and life in general. Needless to say, we talked for long blocks of time always catching up. (lol) One thing I know for sure, she truly loved her sons, Todd and Lorin, as I am sure they truly loved her.

I will truly miss Hope’s beautiful smile (beautiful inside and out) her wit, her intelligence and especially those long funny conversations over the years.

May you find peace and comforting prayers from our family during this time of loss of our beautiful soul, Hope Cook-Wright.

May the Love and Grace of God be with your family always and forever.

*Verna Joe Francis and Family
Houston, Tx*

Verna Francis - July 05, 2020 at 01:56 PM

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“ Our prayers and deepest sorry go out to the boys, Your mother was a very loving lady and we at Holy Cross remember her and will be praying for the repose of her Soul.

Holy Cross Catholic Church - July 05, 2020 at 01:44 PM



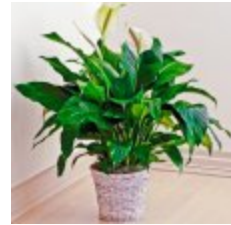
“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Hope Cook Wright.*



July 05, 2020 at 12:01 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Hope Cook Wright.*



July 04, 2020 at 04:17 PM