



## Marilyn Rose Symmank

February 9, 1933 - December 24, 2010

A celebration of the life of Marilyn Symmank, 77 of Giddings, Texas, is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 28, 2010 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings with Rev. Robert Tiner and Rev. Wilbern Michalk officiating. Burial will follow in the Giddings City Cemetery. Visitation will be held Monday from 11:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and Tuesday from 7:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. A Prayer Service will be held Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Marilyn was born February 9, 1933 in Vernon, Texas to Rev. J.A. Birnbaum and Rosa (nee Krebs) Birnbaum. She was baptized in faith February 26, 1933 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Vernon by her father Rev. J.A. Birnbaum and confirmed June 2, 1946 at St. Paul Lutheran Church by her father. Marilyn's confirmation verse is Psalm 145 v. 18 & 19, "The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them." and her confirmation hymn was hymn #707, "O That The Lord Would Guide My Ways". She married Leonard Symmank on August 23, 1959 at St. Paul Lutheran Church by her father. They were blessed with two children: Dr. Samuel Glenn Symmank and wife Erin of McKinney, Texas and Rachel Lynn Symmank Langham and husband Tim of Giddings, Texas; four grandchildren: Taylor Symmank, Jared Symmank and Gabrielle Symmank of McKinney, Texas and Riley Rose Langham of Giddings, Texas. Marilyn was predeceased by her parents, Rev. J.A. and Rosa Birnbaum; her brother, Edward Birnbaum and wife, Evelyn;

brother, Rev. Leon Birnbaum; brother-in-law, Clarence Graf; great nieces, Nicole Graf and Rose Elaine Birnbaum. In addition to her husband, children and grandchildren, she is also survived by her sister, Eugenia Graf of Vernon, Texas; sister-in-law, Jeannette (Netzi) Birnbaum of Stockton, California and brother-in-law and sister-in-law Douglas and Pearl Symmank of Giddings; nieces and nephews: Terry and Melinda Graf of Georgetown, Texas, their children Amy Graf, Kelly Homeyer and husband Matt, and Aaron Graf; Randal and Donna Graf of Vernon, Texas, their son Chase Graf; Leah and Randal Smith of Graham, Texas, their children Austin Smith, Sydney Russell and husband Paul; Becky and Thom Tollerson of Winder, Georgia, their daughters Jenna and Sara; Mark Birnbaum of California; Mike and Mary Birnbaum of California, their children Joshua and Alli; Miriam and Robert Loeber of California, their children Jennifer and Jeffrey; Tina and Kirk Miller of Colorado, their daughter Bethany; Peggy Grant and husband Carl of Houston, Texas; Tobin Symmank of California. After graduating from Vernon High School, Marilyn attended St. Johns Lutheran College in Winfield, Kansas. After college she taught school at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wichita Falls, Texas for seven years, then in a Lutheran school in California. After marrying Leonard and moving to Giddings, she taught kindergarten, was a substitute teacher and taught Sunday school and VBS for many years at Immanuel Lutheran School, Giddings. In addition, she taught a bible study at the Giddings Healthcare Center and bible studies in her home. Her ministry also led her to teach at the London Bridge Nursery pre-school with Mrs. Jerry Varnado, Giddings. She was an active member of the Ladies Aid, Dorcas Circle, LWML, Caring Ministry and Braille workshop at Immanuel; the Giddings Study Club and served as the neighborhood chairman for various charities such as Red Cross, March of Dimes and the Heart Association, to name a few. Marilyn touched everyone's lives in so many ways. Children were her love and serving people was her passion. She is truly one of God's faithful servants.

Pallbearers will be Terry Graf, Randal Graf, Taylor Symmank, Jared Symmank, Calvin Vahrenkamp and Doug Alexander. Honorary pallbearers will

be Aaron Graf and Chase Graf. Memorials may be made to the Jesus Is Lord Missions, the Lutheran Hour Ministries, the Immanuel Lutheran Church Caring Ministry and the Braille Center.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Marilyn Rose Symmank*

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**Margaret Lehmann** - December 29, 2010 at 11:26 AM

AR

“ *Marilyn Rose Symmank*

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**Amy Robbins(Arldt)** - December 28, 2010 at 04:08 PM

RG

“ *Marilyn Rose Symmank*

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**Rachael Gold** - December 28, 2010 at 02:53 PM

BK

“ *Marilyn Rose Symmank*

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**Billy & Theresa Krause** - December 28, 2010 at 08:45 AM

BM

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**Bill&Emma Matejcek** - December 28, 2010 at 03:00 AM

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**Teasha Dube-Sowers** - December 27, 2010 at 08:40 PM

TS

“ *Marilyn Rose Symmank*

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**Tracey Martin Snyder** - December 27, 2010 at 07:46 PM

CH

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**Calvin and Janis Hannes** - December 27, 2010 at 06:41 PM

MS

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**Marlene Sherfy** - December 27, 2010 at 02:02 PM

MA

“ *Marilyn Rose Symmank*

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**Marcia Albers** - December 27, 2010 at 10:55 AM

DW

“ *Marilyn Rose Symmank*

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**Dot Westfall** - December 26, 2010 at 09:13 AM

RR

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**Ruth Ruprecht** - December 26, 2010 at 03:00 AM

JN

“ *Marilyn Rose Symmank*

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**Johnathan and Amy Noack** - December 26, 2010 at 02:26 AM