



Marianne Golightly Hartness

February 11, 1927 - July 16, 2016

Marianne Golightly Hartness, age 89, passed away on July 16, 2016, at the Bridges Assisted Living in Edinburg, Texas. She was born February 11, 1927, to Jack Dee and Annahlee Adams Golightly, in Childress, Texas. Following the hurricane of 1933, the family moved to the Valley as Mr. Golightly worked with Central Power and Light Co. to replace electrical lines that were downed by the storm. After several years of traveling around Texas with CP&L, the Valley became their permanent home.

After graduating from PSJA in 1944, Marianne attended Edinburg Jr. College, until she left to marry her high school sweetheart, Robert Hartness, in Wichita Falls where he was serving in the Army Air Corps as a cadet pilot trainee. They returned to the Valley where Robert worked in the produce business while Marianne was occupied with Brownie and Girl Scout troops, teaching Sunday school, substituting in the PSJA school district and pursuing her artistic interests.

In 1970 Marianne joined KRGV-TV Channel 5 in Weslaco as Commercial Artist where she created commercials by hand in the art department. Soon she was assigned voice over radio and TV commercials, created studio weather maps and painted scenery. Later she hosted the 8:25 a.m. news show titled "Take 5 with Marianne" and a 5-minute "Winter Texan Report." She continued the artwork and live TV shows until 1977 when she left for a 20 year banking career starting in a position with McAllen State Bank for public relations, business development, and marketing. She was responsible for the

annual Tip 'O Texas exhibit and Photo Fest. In 1992 she joined Glen Roney at Texas State Bank until her retirement in 1997.

Marianne had memberships in Organization of Women Executives, McAllen Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors, McAllen Citizens League, and First United Methodist Church. Volunteer activities included Easter Seals, Heart Association, United Way, Hidalgo County Cotillion Board, March of Dimes, and Rio Grande Valley Cancer Golf Classic. In 1988 she received an "Outstanding Professional Woman Award" from the Professional Women's Club of McAllen.

Over the years, Marianne and her husband, Robert, spent many hours together deep-sea fishing in the Gulf and bird or deer hunting.

After retiring from the bank, she revived her interest in art and created small acrylic paintings known as Mini-Art by Marianne as well as hand painted ostrich eggs.

Marianne is survived by her two daughters and sons-in-law Karen Janak (John Sr.) of Austin, and Robin Cramer (David) of McAllen; grandchildren Kevin Janak of Rockwall, Courtney Janak Tan (Ju Meng) of Santa Fe, NM, Chris Janak (Simone) of San Anselmo, CA, John Janak Jr. (Lecya) of McKinney, Carey Cramer of Portland, OR, and Marissa Cramer (Chris Webb) of Venice, CA; and cousins Dr. Ken Adams of Fredericksburg, W.O Adams of San Angelo, and Bill Boyd of Lubbock.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 69 years, Robert, and parents, Jack and Annahlee Golightly.

Suggested memorials: FUMC Building Fund, PO Box 2885, McAllen, TX 78504 or a charity of your choice.

Marianne chose cremation. A memorial service will be held Saturday, September 17 at 10 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, 4200 N. McColl Road in McAllen with Rev. Robert Perales officiating assisted by Rev. Bill Henderson and Chaplain Bert Jaime. Kreidler Funeral Home, Inc. is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church of McAllen
4200 N. McColl Rd.
McAllen, TX

Tribute Wall



“ *Marianne Golightly Hartness*

October 08, 2023 at 09:43 PM



“ *Marianne Golightly Hartness*

November 29, 2022 at 06:40 AM



“ *Myles Beeching lit a candle in memory of Marianne Golightly Hartness*



Myles Beeching - August 16, 2016 at 02:42 PM



“ *Marianne always made me smile. She was such a special lady, and I will never forget her. I worked with her many years ago at McAllen State Bank and loved seeing her off and on over the years. I have one of her beautiful butterfly paintings in my office, and a note card of her painting of Jesus Christ that I look at everyday. To me her life exemplified the joy I would like to bring others as a follower of Christ. My prayers go up for her family. I know she will be greatly missed.*

Elaine Bready

Elaine - August 15, 2016 at 11:00 AM

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“ Robert & Marianne would visit my parents at times when I was in town. Then after Robert went to rest home, my parents would visit him. They would tell me stories about their visits. After my Dad passed, I talked a couple times on phone to Marianne. She would want to know how my Mom was doing. I enjoyed talking with her because she always told me how much my Dad loved me. I knew that but nice to hear because I missed him so much. Then after my Mom passed, I found some cards Marianne had painted for my parents. I called her and told her how pretty they were & she told me again how my parents loved me. Just wanted you to know, I so appreciated our talks about my parents....I thought she was a sweetheart. And just think your parents are together. That thought always comforted me.

Tommie Lynn Reichert Gillespie

Tommie Lynn Reichert Gillespie - July 23, 2016 at 03:35 PM