



## Marianna Snowden Gray

January 30, 1940 - August 30, 2021

Marianna “Pudden” Snowden Gray went to be with the Lord on Monday, August 30, 2021 in Katy, Texas. She was born in Beaumont, Texas on January 30, 1940 to the late Robert Howard Snowden, Jr. and Anna Olivia Curlee Snowden. She was also preceded in death by her beloved brother Robert Howard Snowden III. She moved to Paris, Texas in 1945 where she graduated from Paris High School in 1957. Her life in both Beaumont and Paris brought her many lifelong friends. Marianna attended Auburn University and was a passionate lifelong fan of her Tigers, “War Eagle”! She raised her family in Austin and after retiring at the age of 75 she moved to Katy, Texas. She worked many years for Chicago Title in Austin as a Marketing Representative. This gave her the perfect opportunity to use her God given gifts of hospitality and creativity in serving all whom she interacted .

Marianna enjoyed serving in so many ways. She was the President of the Austin Junior Forum 1973-1974 where she also participated in the yearly song and dance event called the Follies. She was President of Fiesta at Laguna Gloria in 1976, raising funds for local arts. For many years she was a member of Bible Study Fellowship-Austin, where she also served as an Administrative Leader. Later she joined the BSF class in Katy, to continue studying God’s Word, which she loved so much. During her years in Austin, she was an active member of Covenant Presbyterian Church and later at Kingsland Baptist Church in Katy. Attending her Sunday school class, Daughters of the King, was a highlight of her week. Marianna loved supporting women’s educational

goals through the sisterhood of P.E.O. with her HR sisters in Austin and AE sisters in Katy. Most recently she had joined the prayer team at the Pregnancy Help Center of West Houston, which was so near and dear to her heart.

Her motivation to serve came from a deep gratitude to her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and His sacrifice on the cross for the forgiveness of her sins and for all who know Him as Savior, Messiah and King.

She leaves behind her well-loved family, daughters Diana Olivia Dorrell Freeman and husband Basil (Bubba), Pamela Lee Dorrell Epstein and husband Jeff; grandsons Justin Maham, Benjamin Maham, Jordan Epstein and Mitchell Epstein. These four young men were the delight of her life. She is also survived by nieces Juliana Snowden, Melissa Snowden Turner and nephew Travis Gray Snowden.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, October 2, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. in Cat Spring, Texas. Please email [dipamela817@gmail.com](mailto:dipamela817@gmail.com) for details.

Memorial contributions in lieu of flowers can be made to the Pregnancy Help Center of West Houston. There are three ways to give at the following website [phckaty.org](http://phckaty.org).

# Previous Events

## Celebration Of Life Service

OCT 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

Email [dipamela817@gmail.com](mailto:dipamela817@gmail.com) for More Service Information

# Tribute Wall



“ *Marianna Snowden Gray*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Marianna Snowden Gray*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Marianna Snowden Gray*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Marianna Snowden Gray*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *I met Marianna less than two years ago and the majority of that time only spoke to her over the phone. She was a very kind and funny woman. She loved her kitties very much and took great care to be sure they were happy and healthy. I picture her smiling with a rather chunky black and white kitty on her lap. Rest In Peace Marianna (and Domino).*

**Courtney** - September 12, 2021 at 12:15 PM

AS

“ I remember Pudden fondly when she lived in Volente. She was a wonderful friend and fabulous hostess. Her Christmas Day Brunches were spectacular. We also loved Howard when he lived with her and her brother, Bo when he visited. She was LOVE!  
Anne Cole Steichen

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**Anne Cole Steichen** - September 08, 2021 at 09:51 AM

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Thank you Anne! She loved you too!!

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**Diana Freeman** - September 08, 2021 at 01:24 PM

HB

“ Marianna was a great lady throughout her life. I met her during the 4th Grade at East Paris Elementary and attended one year with her at Paris High as a Freshman. She was always friendly and helpful and seemed to care for everyone. I am sure her work in P.E.O. helped many young women throughout America. May God continue to bless all who knew her.

Harry Brittan  
Columbia, Tennessee

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**Harry B Brittan** - September 08, 2021 at 09:36 AM



“ I have such great memories of Puddn. We always used her nickname because she was so warm and sweet. She babysat me and my siblings when we were babies in Paris and she and my mom had a lifelong friendship. When my mom had breast cancer and was scheduled for a mastectomy in Temple, Puddn was with her in the prep room when I arrived. She was a survivor herself! She spoke at my mom’s funerals four years ago and gave such a warm and funny tribute that was so perfect. Such a true and loving friend. And she lived the love of Jesus with openness and kindness. Her spirit was sweet and lives on in our hearts, happy she is at peace catching up with Marthanne and other old friends. I love you, sweet lady!

*Priscilla Luzader Piphó*

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**Priscilla Piphó** - September 06, 2021 at 12:33 PM

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*Thank you Prissy!! Our mom sure loved all of your family!!*

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**Diana Freeman** - September 08, 2021 at 03:50 PM

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“ My heart was broken this week to learn of the passing of our sweet friend, Marianna. Although we didn’t know each other for a long period of time, she was my sweet Sisterfriend and I will never forget her. Earlier this year I told her that I wanted to take the COVID shot at Methodist because they seem to be better organized and asked Marianna to pray for me. Within days, I was called by Methodist and couldn’t wait to tell Marianna the news. Just so special through and through! Rest in heaven, Marianna!



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**Shirley Pickard** - September 02, 2021 at 10:30 PM

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“ are so many memories of times with her, but my most vivid is when Pudden, Pat Davis and I were in the back of an old pickup truck during the week before Fiesta at Laguna Gloria. It was raining like crazy, and we three were laughing, singing off key and bailing hay out of that pickup as fast as we could! She was my Artist Reservations Chairman, and all those artists loved that dear woman with the beautiful smile. Life was good with Pudden in it! Both she and Pat are now gone, but there are many, many of us who will remember her every day. Lilla

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**Lilla Ezell** - September 01, 2021 at 10:03 PM

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Thank you for this fun story!!!☐

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**Diana Freeman** - September 02, 2021 at 02:42 PM

AW

Thank you so much for letting Suann and myself know . What a beautiful lady who was an inspiration to all. We were blessed to have her in our lives  
God bless you and your family  
AJ and Suann Waight

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**Aj Waight** - September 02, 2021 at 08:48 PM

PA

“ 1 file added to the album Pudden??



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**Pam** - September 01, 2021 at 08:50 PM



*Be true to yourself. She was that, for sure. We enjoyed Christmas brunches in Austin and other times together, just living life, caring for our kids, doing what mothers do. Her love of Jesus was so evident in all she did. I am belssed to have known her. And peace to you dear daughters, Pamela and Diana. Linda Burton Fryer*

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**Linda Burton Fryer** - September 08, 2021 at 01:50 PM