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Lyda Marlene Bohannon, 75, former owner of Southside Mowers, passed away March 23, 2018 at 3:33a.m. at the Post Acute Medical Hospital in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She was born February 20, 1943 in Wichita, KS to Marlin Dale and Ruby Lee (Graham) Taylor. Marlene graduated from Ponca City High School, Ponca City, OK and Oklahoma State University, where she majored in foreign language studies. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority. She was foremost a true and faithful servant of her Savior, Jesus Christ. She was a devoted loving mother and wife to her children and to her husband. They were paramount, even to her business life and her passion for exercise! Marlene was owner of Southside Mowers, an outdoor power equipment sales and service company, for over 40 years. She was also very involved in her husband's (at that time Alfred Bohannon's) barbecue restaurant which he owned in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Loving exercise, she was also a very energetic and conscientious member of the Saint Francis HealthZone, for over 26 years, and other fitness clubs prior. She loved to do spin classes 5 or 6 days a week, Zumba, rowing, and floor exercises. She could also be characterized as living the motto, "Unlock the Adventure", or "Life is an Adventure," by the fact of all her varied interests and accomplishments: twirler of fire batons in high school, radio DJ, fiction and poetry author, international traveler, loyal OU Sooner fan and season ticket holder, OKC Thunder fan, auditions for game shows, and was even an extra in a feature Sci-Fi film, playing the role of a "White House Press Corp Reporter!" But her most cherished life 'role' was with her church family, Grace Church, where she rarely missed attending. Marlene was a prayer warrior and a student of The Word, never missing her weekly prayer group. She served and participated in numerous areas of her Christian life: everything from food and clothing pantries, women's studies, support of medical and outreach missions...to going to Joplin, Mo. to help with tornado relief efforts. Grace had been her church home, from almost the time of it's



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founding, when it was known as Grace Fellowship. Most of all, she loved and cherished her Sunday school family at Grace, The Overcomers. Marlene was a “fireball”. Those whom she touched knew that ‘She may be small...but she is MIGHTY!!!’ Marlene is preceded in death by her parents, and Al Bohannon, husband and father of their three children. She is survived by her loving husband David C Tam, her brother Dr. Robert Taylor, his wife Deloris and their daughters Jamie Taylor and Sherri Robinson, her son Brendan Bohannon, his wife, Michelle, her daughter Rachel Michnowski and her husband Tom Michnowski, all of Pine Island, Minnesota, her daughter Sarah Henderson and her husband Frank Davis, his daughter, Maddie, of Dallas TX, and her son Jeremy Bohannon, of Seattle, WA. And not least of all... Marlene greatly adored her grand-daughter, Cassidy Henderson, of Corpus Christi, TX and her great grand-daughter, Maizie Michnowski of Minnesota!! In lieu of flowers, donations to Loaves and Fishes, Tulsa, OK or Blessings International (Medicines For Missions), Tulsa, OK, would be gladly accepted and greatly appreciated. Service will be 11:00 AM, Wednesday, April 4, at Grace Church.



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PC

Patty Glasscock Clifton posted:

Marlene and I were friends beginning in grade school in Ponca City. She will be missed. Patty Glasscock Clifton

October 2 at 3:17 PM

DT

Deloris Taylor posted:

Marlene became a part of my family over almost 58 years ago. We have shared many happy holiday dinners and a few football parties over the years and our kids played together when they were all young. Marlene's health had been declining over the past few years and now here struggles are over. May she rest in peace. She will be missed. Deloris Taylor

April 4 at 4:54 AM

FD

Fdic posted:

In honor of Marlene's life and on behalf of our employee Sarah Henderson, your FDIC family has made a donation in her name to the American Diabetes Association. Heartfelt condolences to the family for your loss.

March 30 at 4:25 PM

FA

Family posted:

Marlene is survived by her three children: Brendan & his lovely wife Michelle of Pine Island, MN, Sarah Henderson & Frank of Dallas, TX & Jeremy of Seattle, WA. Marlene has Granddaughter Cassidy Henderson of Dallas, TX; Rachel & husband Tom & great granddaughter Maizie all of Pine Island, MN. Furry four-legged grandkids: Ryan & Murphy of Pine Island, MN (Just a few days ahead of Marlene, Murphy crossed the rainbow bridge to wait for her to join him); Cole Puppy of Dallas, TX; Jack & Bailey of Seattle, WA.

March 26 at 4:30 PM

CC

Cheryl (Sanders) Cassody posted:

I'm so sorry to hear of Marlene's passing. I was a Gamma Phi Beta at Okla State with her. She was so much fun & so pretty. I remember fun times with her. My sympathies to her family.

March 25 at 5:10 PM



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Sarah posted:

What you accomplished, overcame & survived in your lifetime many will never know. But we do, and your memory will live on through us. Rest in peace mom.

March 25 at 4:53 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Lyda by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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