

## Lee Ann Hart Collins

**10/13/1952 - 08/14/2022**

Lee Ann Hart Collins went to be with our Lord Jesus Christ on August 14, 2022, surrounded by her husband, children, grandsons, and other close family including her sisters. She was born on October 13, 1952, to Ella Joy and Carter C. Hart in Gorman, Texas. Lee Ann was the middle child out of 5 beautiful girls, and spent most of her childhood in Hurst, Texas. Not long after graduating high school, she met the love of her life and best friend, Bryan Collins marrying on June 15, 1973. Together, they enjoyed a wonderful 49 years in love and laughter. She was the mother of 3 children, grandmother of 2 grandsons, and 6 granddaughters, not including several foster grandchildren that she happily claimed.

Lee Ann was a strong Christian woman who lived her faith and loved her family deeply and completely. Family traditions were a high priority in her home, and she so enjoyed being able to share her family history every opportunity that came her way. She had what her mother would describe as the "Gift of Gab" and was an excellent storyteller. Lee Ann could make you feel you were right there with her as the action unfolded! Her absolute joy though was to sing and listen to her children sing together. Every year she would bring the family together at Christmas to sing carols and had shared many times that those were some of her most precious moments.

She was also known as the "Creative One" by family and friends alike, and for good reason! She saw things in such a way as to redefine original purpose, with color combinations that were absolutely perfect, and combinations of form, texture and color that was truly extraordinary. Her vision could bring any room in any home to life. Between her crafting skills, and her talent for making flower arrangements, she could make anything look more beautiful. These are just a few of the things about her that will be greatly missed, not likely ever forgotten, and most certainly never duplicated. Preceded in death by her parents, Carter and Joy Hart, sisters Joan Marie and Rita Joyce. She is survived by her devoted, loving husband, Bryan Dallas Collins. Her children Eric Collins, Jason Collins and wife Kristal, Heather Sheffield and husband Ian. Her 8 grandchildren, Zachary, Kaitlyn, Addison, Christian, Ava, Olivia, Lily and Harper. Her two sisters Carol Gilbert and husband Henry and Lana Warren and husband Edward. Her mother-in-law Reba Collins, sisters-in-law Barbara Collins, Loretta Collins, Yvonne Collins and husband Jimmy. Plus, all her nieces and nephews- Carey Gilbert and wife Tempy, Caron Crumley, Carter Gilbert and wife April, Sean Davault and wife Tonya, Joshua Davault and wife Amanda, Scott Willis, Michael Cox and wife Erin, Paul Cox and wife Donna, Sheila Marble and husband Todd, Tracy Dobbyn and husband Rob, Tammy Heflin, Tina Bland, Wendy Collins, Larry Collins, Jr., Mark Collins and Lisa Collins including 31 great nieces and nephews.

If you would like to donate in her honor, the family is suggesting live potted plants that can be added to her greenhouse which her husband and family will visit as a place of remembrance. Alternatively, you may donate online in Lee Ann's memory to the American Heart Association. A Memorial Service to celebrate her life is scheduled for Saturday, August 27th at Crossroads Church, 7900 Chiesa Road, Rowlett TX 75089. Visitation at 10am, and service at 11am. Immediately following the service, lunch will be served for the family.