



VICKIE JUNE MORGAN COOK

November 11, 1949 - April 15, 2019

Vickie June Morgan Cook died on April 15, 2019, having been surrounded by dear friends and family who lovingly supported her during a four-year battle with cancer. She was born on November 11, 1949, in Dallas, Texas. Her parents, Bennie Ray and Coynella Hogg Morgan. She is survived by her mother, Coy Morgan, precious fur babies Romeo and Maxie; her sister and brother-in-law, Debra and Keith Ross; nephew Ryan Ross, niece and her husband, Natalie and Jason Baker, and their children, Briggs, Duke and Court. Vickie was preceded in death by her beloved daughter, Lauren Amanda Cook, who died suddenly on March 11, 2019; and by her father, Bennie Ray Morgan, in 2008. Vickie attended Nathaniel Hawthorne Elementary School, John B. Hood Junior High and was a graduate of the W. W. Samuell High School Class of 1968. It was during those years that she formed friendships with countless classmates that have spanned a lifetime and where she first gave the world a glimpse of her talent for writing. Whether penning cliché “gossip column” notes in her junior high newspaper or writing exquisite pieces in her high school literary anthology, she always grabbed your attention through her written word. Her days spent cheering and later dancing as a member of the Starlets were wonderful, but she was in her element as the Editor of the school newspaper. East Texas State University was home to her for her college years where she was active in the Alpha Phi sorority and formed new meaningful friendships. With graduation from college came the opportunity for her to jump into the world of journalism. And so, in 1972 she began a long career with the Dallas Times Herald where she was able to fulfill her dream. She was honored to receive a prestigious statewide “best of” award presented by the Dallas Press Club for her story “A Tough Pill to Swallow”. Dallas Methodist Hospital was nestled in a quaint, tree-covered area in Oak Cliff and that is where Vickie made her career home for several years as a part of their marketing and communication department. She made her last career move to the skyscrapers in downtown Dallas where she became the Director of Communications for Comerica Bank. As part of her many responsibilities, Vickie was the one who prepared speeches for top management personalities, corporate communications, and helped design and direct meetings and educational events until her retirement. The pen was always her magic tool, but the real magic came into her life with the birth of daughter, Lauren Amanda Cook, on April 24, 1980. Vickie was selflessly devoted to caring for

Lauren and providing her with all the love that was possible. No one was more proud of a daughter than Vickie who beamed as Lauren graduated from high school, Austin College and ultimately from SMU Dedman School of Law. Finally settling in as an Assistant District Attorney in Kaufman County, Lauren found her niche prosecuting mostly child abuse and related cases with Vickie there to support her in every way possible. Lauren and Vickie had a lot in common. Beyond their devotion to great make-up, jewelry and the likes, they loved their dogs, Romeo and Maxie who were treated almost as humans instead of dogs. Together with Vickie's mom, Coy Morgan, affectionately called "Granny", the three ladies have lived the past several years together in a home in Forney. With Vickie's diagnosis of cancer four years ago, they gathered up every bit of courage and strength they had and fought through the difficult days of treatment and the changes that cancer brings with it. Amidst recent disheartening news from her physicians, something happened to interrupt her concern for her own condition. In the early morning hours on March 11, 2019, Lauren died suddenly from a pulmonary embolism. Vickie's heart was broken and the pain was so very deep, yet she pushed through to provide Lauren with a memorial service that would bring attention to the character and contributions of the daughter she loved beyond words. Vickie is certainly not the only one who has fought a hard fight, but she is one of the unique people who while moving through her pain and fear, rarely complained and was more concerned about others. Her commitment to family, friends and all things beautiful – whether spoken or written – will remain always in the hearts of those who knew her. In keeping with Vickie's recognition of Lauren's love for and dedication to children, in lieu of flowers, those who would like may donate to the Kaufman County Child Advocacy Center. A celebration of Vickie's life is scheduled for Friday, April 26, 2019, at 2:30 p.m. in the Memorial Chapel at Restland Funeral Home, 13005 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, Texas.

Comments



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Greg Hixson - September 30, 2019 at 02:17 PM



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“ Kelly and I are so deeply sorry to hear of Vickie and Lauren's passing. We are so sorry for your loss. Two shining lights in life and now two very bright lights in heaven. God Bless.

Brian and Kelly Arnold - May 10, 2019 at 10:29 AM



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Mike Hall - April 25, 2019 at 07:08 PM



“ Vickie had a kind heart and a sweet smile.

Fred Altenau - April 25, 2019 at 11:00 AM