

## Susan Elaine Crowder Burns



Susan Elaine Crowder Burns, 67, of Montgomery, Texas, passed away May 15, 2020. She was born October 15, 1952, in Houston to the late Wallace Eugene Crowder and Doris Elaine Mayes Crowder. She grew up in Spring Branch and graduated from Spring Branch High School in 1971.

She is survived by her husband, William E. Burns; sons, Nathan E. Burns and wife Tiffany, and

Andrew E. Burns and wife Jenny; grandchildren, Colin E. Burns, Zachary J. Burns, William E. Burns, Lucille E. Burns and Elizabeth M. Burns, brothers Casey and Travis Crowder and sister Alison Crowder Withers, along with numerous nieces, nephews (and recently grandnieces and grandnephews), Aunts Mickey Mayes Morgan and Barbara Mayes, Uncle Jack Miller, numerous cousins and in-laws. She had a big family!

Some highlights and loves of Susan's life include: her 4.0 GPA at Sam Houston State University (even though she didn't graduate because she was busy having babies), *beautifully* manicured nails, her pink flamingo collection (including an all pink Christmas tree with flamingo ornaments), champagne cocktails and big sunglasses, living and entertaining family and friends at her home on Lake Conroe (Her Thanksgiving feasts for 50+ were something to behold!), traveling to the Astros Spring Training every year with her husband Bill, going to shows on Broadway in New York and at both TUTS and Broadway across America here in Houston (She saw Jersey Boys at almost every US venue!), embracing the universities her sons attended and graduated from (Southern Methodist University and Loyola University College of Law for Nathan; and Yale University and the University of Texas School of Law for Andrew), welcoming their new brides into the family as they each married; as a co-founder, helping her husband start a very successful security business called Professional Guard and Patrol in Houston, and

traveling pretty much all over the world (She had T-shirts/sweatshirts from *everywhere* they went). She never made it to Antarctica because she just wasn't interested!

In 1992 Susan was named National Woman of the Year for the American Amateur Baseball Congress (13 and 14 year-olds) for her tireless work in hosting the 1991 and 1992 Sandy Koufax World Series at the Spring Klein Sports Association. A major part of her accomplishment was that she was able to computerize the series stats for the coaches and players. It was the first time that had been done!

Susan loved playing doubles in tennis tournaments with her Memorial Northwest Tennis Club Ladies. In 1993 and 1994 she was the Captain of the Ladies 3.5 and 4.0 Tennis levels who went to the National tennis finals. This was the first time that any team had gone to the finals in back-to-back seasons! She actually met her tennis idol Roger Federer in 2018!

Susan was also a proud member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma through her father's side.