

Lana Jo Applebaum Culpepper



LANA JO APPLEBAUM CULPEPPER, age 58, passed from this earth and was united with Christ on Tuesday, February 28, 2006. There will be a graveside service on Thursday, March 2, 2006, 10:00 am at the Woodlawn Cemetery. The family is inviting family and friends to be with them in their home Wednesday evening, 5pm to 10pm, and on Thursday following the service. Lana was born August 20, 1947 to Joe and Pearl Applebaum while they lived in Arkansas. When Lana was five years old her family moved to Spring Branch. She soon began to make her lasting and loving mark in Spring Branch. She graduated from Spring Branch High School, where she was an honor student and part of the Bruin Brigade. She also graduated from the University of Houston with a degree in Business Education. She used this to teach for several years, then, also made her mark as a real estate agent. She married Jimmy L. Culpepper, March 2, 1973. Through his work in the Spanish ministry, Lana was able to be a beautiful helpmate to her husband, and was always a willing servant of Christ. She supported her family's work in the church by opening their home, kitchen and hearts to many, many people. If you knew Lana, you knew her compassion, her smile, and her brownies. She and her husband, Jim, have been members at Katy Church of Christ since 1992. Lana was also very involved in the lives of her children, Joanna and Jimmy. She attended all band concerts and sporting events. She was available anytime, day or night, no questions asked. We love you mom. She is preceded in death by her son Jimmy. She was the Astros number one fan. With season tickets in hand for over 25 years, her most passionate hobby was baseball. She read all the books, and knew all the players. Her last game was watching the Astros play in the World Series, her dream. With God as her strength, she was the best example of faith during adversity. She always found the silver lining and refused any less from those around her. There was no stopping her determination for God to prevail in all things. What a blessing she was to everyone who knew her. Lana, you are loved by so many and will be missed dearly. We'll see you "when we all get to heaven. What a day of rejoicing that will be." Preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Pearl Applebaum and her son Jimmy L. Culpepper, Jr. Survivors include her husband of 33 years, Jimmy L. Culpepper, Sr.; her daughter, Joanna L. Birchfield and her husband Kevin; her sister, Annie Stentz and her family; sisters-in-law, Nancy Pohl, Diana Sprague, and Yvonne Perrotta-Minor and their families; her aunt, Geneva Graves; her cousins, Dianna Roberts and her family and Judy Graves; and friends Nelda Reynolds and the Spring Branch crew; Betty Bailey, Anne Rieniets, and many, many others in Christ. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Lana's honor to the Juvenile Diabetes Association, American Diabetes Association, or Katy Church of Christ for the Spanish speaking work.