

Sheryl Ann Gerland



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SHERYL ANN GERLAND, a lifelong Houstonian, was born on the 14th of May 1954, at St. Joseph Hospital. On Saturday, the 28th of February 2009, Sherry went home to God due to complications from lung cancer. She is preceded in death by her father, the late Arthur John Gerland, Jr. As a young child, Sherry was an excellent and self-motivated student. As a teen, Sherry enjoyed roller skating, a popular sport at the time, winning several skating competitions. She always loved to sing and dance and especially loved trying to make people laugh. Sherry was also very devoted to her pets. She grew up in the grocery business working for her father's chain of grocery stores, Gerland's Food Fair. She attended the University of Houston Downtown and worked in several executive secretarial positions ultimately joining her father at A.J. Gerland, Jr. Investments. In her early 30's, Sherry retired from secretarial work due to health challenges. Throughout her life, Sherry was loved and supported by many friends including Cindy Mitschke, Susan Christian and Don Baker. She was a strong and courageous woman as she struggled with health issues. When asked to say the blessing at family functions, she was profoundly gifted and always prayed from the heart. Sherry made a difference in the many lives that she touched and she truly will be missed. She is survived by her loving and devoted mother, Mary Jo Gerland, her twin brothers, Joseph P. Gerland and James E. Gerland and wife, Melody, her sister, Cynthia Harris and husband Danny, youngest brother Dennis K. Gerland and ten nieces and nephews. The Gerland family would especially like to thank all the doctors, nurses and care givers who have attended Sherry throughout her lifetime. "Our family alone could not have supported Sherry without your help and kindness."