



## Ms. Martha Howe Anderson

November 27, 1954 - April 27, 2021

Graveside services for Ms. Martha Anderson, 66. Of Carthage, Texas, will be held at Rehobeth Cemetery, Hwy 59N, Carthage, TX at 4:00 pm Friday, April 30, 2021 with Reverend David Kennedy and Bro. Jerry Anderson officiating. Burial will follow under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. The family will receive visitors from 6:00-8:00 pm Thursday, April 29, 2021 in the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel.

Ms. Martha Howe Smith Anderson was born in Monroe, Louisiana on November 27, 1954 and peacefully passed to be with her loved ones at her home on April 27, 2021, surrounded by family and friends. Martha was born to the marriage of Mary 'Kathryn' Howe and Robert Baker 'Cotton' Smith. Kathryn and Cotton were blessed with the joy of twin girls, Martha and Marcia.

Martha was preceded in death by her father in 1983 and her mother in 2015. She is survived by her loving and devoted twin Marcia Howe Smith Poss and husband Lonnie, her niece Leslie Holland Ham and husband Marty, all of Carthage; great-niece Kendall Hightower Russell and husband Dustin of Longview, Texas; and great-nephew Matthew Ham of Carthage; her life-long friend and life-long sister, Rhonda Allen Boyd and husband Mark of Houston, Texas; her friend for life, Richard Anderson of Carthage; and a multitude of cousins, friends, and extended family whom she loved dearly.

Martha grew up in Houston, Texas until moving to Carthage to begin the eighth grade. She graduated from Carthage High School with the Class of 1973. While in school, Martha was active in sports and cheerleading. She attended Stephen F. Austin University where she received her Bachelor of Science in Education degree and Master of Education degree. She served on the Panola County SFA Alumni Scholarship Committee. Martha was of the Methodist faith and a devoted member of Rehobeth Methodist Church in Carthage where she served on various committees.

Martha began her career as an educator in Henderson, Texas, where she taught sixth grade Gifted & Talented mathematics for six years. She then came to Carthage I.S.D. where she also served as a sixth-grade GT mathematics teacher for twenty-four years until her retirement in 2009.

Martha enjoyed hunting, fishing, and all outdoor activities with her friends. Anyone who knew her was familiar with her daily 'To-Do' list. During her work years, she insisted upon

completing her tasks before doing anything she deemed to be 'fun' after school. After retirement, she still had her lists; however, she did not mind carrying things over from day to day if something came along that she would rather do. Her life became more relaxed. Martha was always ready to travel with her friends and was proud to boast she had been to all but two of the United States. She looked forward to her trips with her Bagley Sisters and enjoyed the time with them and all their families. She considered them to be a part of her extended family and loved the nieces and nephews with all her heart.

Martha never met a stranger. She made each of her friends feel that they were her very best friend-because they all were!

She had the most wonderful sense of humor and would laugh at herself as much as anyone and we will all miss her jokes and infectious laugh.

No one will miss Martha more than her twin sister, Marcia. They were as one and now she has lost a part of her person. Although, like most people, they had trials and tribulations to overcome. But at the end of each day, they did it with all the love in the world for each other. When together, they were a comedic duo that could always keep the crowd in stitches. Marcia will have the love and support of her husband, Lonnie, to see her through this most difficult time. Lonnie has been a wonderful, caring brother-in-law to Martha. Although Martha did not have children of her own, she was blessed to share Marcia's with her.

Leslie was like a daughter to her and this became so evident with the role she played as Martha's caregiver during her final weeks. Leslie - along with her husband Marty and family Kendall, Dustin, and Matthew- has been there to provide all the care and support that one would expect from a child and grandchildren. Martha was so proud of each one of them.

The family wishes to express their deepest, heartfelt appreciation for the love and care shown by family and friends who have been there during the past weeks to help with Martha's care. A special thank you to Jessica and Winnie of The Hospice of East Texas for all the loving care they provided.

The family asks that any memorials be made to Rehobeth Methodist Church, 126 CR 207, Carthage, TX 75633; Mission Carthage, P.O. Box 1208, Carthage, TX 75633; or St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

# Cemetery Details

## Rehobeth Cemetery

2207 US Hwy 59 N  
Carthage, TX 75633

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CSt)

Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel  
307 W Wellington St.  
Carthage, Tx

## Graveside Service

APR **30**. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Rehobeth Cemetery  
2207 US Hwy 59 N  
Carthage, TX 75633

# Tribute Wall



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Martha Howe Anderson



Hawthorn Funeral Home - April 29, 2021 at 04:15 PM

DM

“ To the family of the late, Ms. Martha Howe-Anderson, I am very sorry to read about her passing....she & I were classmates and she was a beautiful person to know...always had a pleasant smile upon her face within the hallways of Carthage High School...want you all to know that I am praying for God's divine comfort upon her many loved ones and friends. .let us thank God for the time we were blessed to have her apart of our lives. .Deacon Richard Lee Matlock, M:Ed...

Deacon Richard L. Matlock, M:Ed - May 14, 2021 at 01:37 PM

TI

“ Marsha, what wonderful caring souls both of you are..THBBLF ( TWO HEARTS BOUND BY LOVE FOREVER )

Tippit - May 02, 2021 at 02:58 PM

CA

“ I worked with Martha at Henderson Middle school. Great teacher and full of life!! I am so sorry to hear of her great loss! Thinking if you and the family!!



carolsledge - May 02, 2021 at 01:31 PM

RH

“ Roger And Jeannie Hartless lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha Howe Anderson



Roger and Jeannie Hartless - May 01, 2021 at 09:50 AM

RH

*God be with this family ! So very sorry for your loss !*

**Roger and Jeannie Hartless** - May 01, 2021 at 09:51 AM

VP

“ *Vicki Pinkerton lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha Howe Anderson*



**Vicki Pinkerton** - April 30, 2021 at 11:49 PM

DC

“ *I will always remember Martha with her smile. I taught with her many years & she was an awesome math teacher. I loved her stories of her fishing trips & we had a blast playing softball together. I will miss you friend. Prayers for your family.*

**Donna Cariker** - April 30, 2021 at 11:52 AM

KD

“ *Oh Martha! I will forever remember you with your visor and that beautiful smile on your face! You were truly a joy and never failed to give me a hug and a kind word. You were precious! May you rest peacefully sweet friend.... until we meet again!*



*Sending love , hugs, and many prayers to Marcia, Lonnie, Leslie, Marty, Kendall , Dustin & Matthew and each and everyone of her close precious friends. ❤️🙏🏻*

**Kim Collins Davis** - April 30, 2021 at 09:39 AM

JD

“ *In our thoughts and prayers. Keep her sweet memory alive in you hearts.*

*With much love,*

*Jerry and Pat (Edens) Dorman*

*Isaiah 40:31*



**Jerry Don and Pat Edens Dorman** - April 29, 2021 at 05:58 PM



“ 51 files added to the album LifeTributes



Hawthorn Funeral Home - April 29, 2021 at 04:00 PM

DR

“ I am so sorry for your loss! My sincere condolences.  
Dianne Martin Resta



Dianne Martin Resta - April 29, 2021 at 03:21 PM

JS

“ My deepest sympathy to you in the loss of Martha. I enjoyed teaching with her for many years.

Janet Sims - April 29, 2021 at 02:44 PM

GC

“ Glenda E Clabaugh lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha Howe Anderson



Glenda E Clabaugh - April 29, 2021 at 02:34 PM

ML

“ Marcia, so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family. Martha was such a joy to be around,. she will never be forgotten. Maudie Leach

Maudie Leach - April 29, 2021 at 12:39 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Martha Howe Anderson.*



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April 29, 2021 at 10:44 AM

PW

“ *Pam Williamson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha Howe Anderson*



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**Pam Williamson** - April 29, 2021 at 10:42 AM

MW

“ *A great fellow teacher and a delight to be around and know. My sincere condolences to Marcia and the rest of the family.*

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**Mike Wilson** - April 29, 2021 at 08:01 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Ms. Martha Howe Anderson.*



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April 29, 2021 at 12:30 AM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ms. Martha Howe Anderson.*



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April 28, 2021 at 11:26 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Martha Howe Anderson.*



April 28, 2021 at 09:59 PM

BF

“ *Bobby and Gail Davis and Family purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Ms. Martha Howe Anderson.*



**Bobby and Gail Davis and Family** - April 28, 2021 at 09:55 PM

PT

“ *She was a very special lady! I always enjoyed helping her plan fun trips with her family or friends! She will be missed! I certainly will miss her and her sweet smile and patience! Prayers for her family especially Leslie and Kendall!* 💕🙏💕

**Pat Wilson/HRS Travel** - April 28, 2021 at 08:31 PM

BK

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Marcia and all family. We loved Martha.*



**Barbara Pierce Kruebbe** - April 28, 2021 at 08:23 PM

CH

“ *I loved Martha! We rode together back and forth to Nacogdoches during our college days. Each day as soon as we got settled in to our first class we would have to decide where we were going to have lunch. I heard so many stories about how she and Marcia laughed and fought each other, like all sisters:) She was a precious friend. I will miss her. She made life fun for anyone around her. I will pray for her family. Love you, Martha.*  
*Carolyn Harrigan*

**CH** - April 28, 2021 at 06:51 PM

MM

*Such a huge loss for all who knew her. I remember her and Marcia cheering on the field as if it were yesterday. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Marcia, Leslie and all of the family. Sending up prayers for comfort and peace with much love.*  
*Melody and Gayland Moore*

**Melody Dison Moore abd Gayland Moore** - April 28, 2021 at 07:43 PM



*Martha was a sweet and wonderful person. You could count on her being "where the action was" because she loved people. She always made a point of greeting you as soon as you arrived. Martha was kind, thoughtful, funny, & so many other things that I don't have the space to enumerate. She had so many stories to tell. She was someone you could depend on. She was a good friend. We loved her & cherished her friendship. She will be greatly missed. Sending love....*  
*Mitch & Kim*

**Kim Jones Holcomb** - April 28, 2021 at 10:26 PM



“ *Connie Denton lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha Howe Anderson*



**Connie Denton** - April 28, 2021 at 06:49 PM

KT

“ *Martha taught both of our children making math an easy breeze. I remember her laughter that rang the halls of Baker-Koonce where we worked together. The last time I saw Martha several years ago, we shared stories lingering longer than we expected. She will be missed.*

**Karen Thimas** - April 28, 2021 at 06:30 PM

JH

“ *Jeanette Hart lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha Howe Anderson*



**Jeanette Hart** - April 28, 2021 at 06:27 PM

PW

“ Pam Westbrook lit a candle in memory of Ms. Martha Howe Anderson



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**Pam Westbrook** - April 28, 2021 at 06:25 PM

MG

*I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Martha. I always loved talking to her and being around her, she will surely be missed!!*

*Margie Gross*

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**Margie Gross** - April 29, 2021 at 09:37 AM

DB

*Martha was a dear friend. She is truly missed. Margaret and Donald Bates*

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**Donald Bats** - April 29, 2021 at 10:19 PM