



## Marie Huggett

June 23, 1943 - February 5, 2012

BEDFORD -- On Sunday, Feb. 5, 2012, Marie Elaine Huggett, 68, lost her battle with cancer.

Funeral: 11 a.m. Thursday at Lucas Funeral Home. Interment: Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Park in Colleyville. Visitation: 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Lucas Funeral Home Hurst, TX.

Marie, Bob and their children moved to Bedford in 1970 from their hometown of New Orleans. She graduated from TCC and attended UNT in Denton. She was a certified licensed chemical dependency counselor/therapist for 25 years at the Springwood campus of Texas Health Resources in Bedford. She was also a licensed alcohol and addiction counselor III. She worked for years under the tutelage of Dr. Newton Galusha. In 2011 she was awarded Most Professional Counselor at the Texas Association of Addiction Professionals awards banquet. She also has an award named after her, The Marie Huggett Volunteer Award. She had directed a Monday evening group for family members for many years and some members have been attending for over 15 years. Her admiration for her colleagues made her a real team player.

Marie was a leader and a strong woman who exhibited strength in every area of her life. Her first love was the family that she built with her best friend and husband, Bob. Marie touched the lives of many but has left a permanent

footprint on those who were privileged enough to call her wife, mother, sister, grandma, great-grandma, aunt and friend. She had a larger-than-life passion for those whom she loved.

Her passion was not limited to just family. She was passionate about her work and the people it brought into her life. "Angel on earth" is a title she earned each and every time she helped another human being recover from the terrible disease known as chemical dependency. Marie's no-nonsense approach to dealing with life and her tremendous compassion for others earned her the respect of peers and other professionals in her profession.

Marie leaves us in body, but not in spirit. Her spirit lives on in each person she has touched. We have been blessed to have loved and been loved by this amazing, loving woman. Our "angel on earth" is now an angel in heaven. We will miss her, but rejoice in the blessings she has given us all.

She was preceded in death by her Mother, Elizabeth Marino, and father, Neal Beck.

Survivors: Her devoted and loving husband of 52 years, Robert Huggett; son, Rick Huggett and his wife, Penny, of Keller; daughter, Theresa Oakes and her husband, Robert, of Roanoke; daughter, Tanya Lang and husband, Dimitrij, of Bedford; son, Steven Huggett and wife, Jeannette, of Navarre, Fla.; brother, Ralph Beck and wife, Janice, of Gonzales, La.; sister, Pamela Milton and husband, Ronnie, of Bedford; 16 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

# Tribute Wall

KO

“ My husband, children and i are forever thankful and blessed to have Marie been a part of our lives. She is a big part of my recovery and i now have 2 1/2 years clean time because of her counseling, support and love. My family and i cannot express how much she means to us and i thank God everyday for bringing her into our lives! God bless, she was an angel in life and now is one in heaven.

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**Kris Ontiveros** - February 09, 2012 at 03:17 PM

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“ Marie was one of my biggest heros in life. She was funny and loving and the most compassionate person I have ever met. I am truly blessed to have Marie in my life and now watching over me from heaven. Thank you, Marie. Now that you're in heaven please put in a good word for me.

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**Cathy Cuellar** - February 09, 2012 at 10:33 AM

DJ

“ Rick and Penny, thoughts and prayers with you

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**Debbi Jones** - February 08, 2012 at 09:57 PM

DW

“ I am but one of literally thousands that Marie touched and helped in her lifetime of service. She possessed a tough love that was insightful and healing, truthful and direct. I currently have 16 1/2 years clean and sober, largely due to Marie's positive influence during my early recovery at Springwood. I am grateful for her influence in my life and Marie is sorely missed.

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**Dusty W.** - February 08, 2012 at 09:38 PM

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“ Marie as a little "spitfire" and she put the fear of God in me about my recovery 12 years ago. But she was the most kind and loving woman as well, but didn't mince words about recovery. She was always there and would take time to help anyone. She was a blessing to me.

Debbie Wooldridge - February 08, 2012 at 05:06 PM

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“ What an Angel she was to so many families. She youched teh lifes of so many and blessings are in store for her. My thoughts and prayres are with her dear husband and family.

Terry Wooldridge - February 08, 2012 at 03:56 PM

KO

“ Maria was my counselor at Springwood 2 1/2 years ago when i underwent detox and out patient rehab for addiction. She gave me such strength and hope in my recovery. I have now been clean for 2 1/2 years and i thank God everyday for bringing her into my life. Not only did she counsel me but also my husband and we are both so thankful for all she did for the both of us, she will be missed greatly!

Kris Ontiveros - February 08, 2012 at 02:44 PM

MA

“ My memories of Marie are many and long lasting. 30 years ago she and I were visiting women with breast cancer for several Dr.s., and she always brought sunshine along with her. She always had a pink silk rose to give each one. She carried "New Life" with her everywhere she went. My life will always be better for having her for my dear friend. My prayers to all the family. Mary

Mary(Lortz)McLerran - February 08, 2012 at 01:45 PM

MI

“ You welcomed me to Texas with a great big hug and a beautiful warm smile! I loved you on the spot! Thanks Marie! You are that rare gem - one in a million!

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**Michelle** - February 07, 2012 at 01:02 PM