



## MARYANNE TOWNES

November 17, 1952 - June 19, 2009

FORT WORTH -- Maryanne Townes, 56, died peacefully Friday morning, June 19, 2009, at her residence. Funeral: 11 a.m. Tuesday in the sanctuary at Beth-El Congregation, 4900 Briarhaven Road. Rabbi Sidney Zimelman will officiate. Following committal prayers, Maryanne will be laid to rest in the Beth-El Section of Greenwood Memorial Park. Memorials: Consideration of contributions to Beth-El Congregation is suggested. Born in Houston and raised in Dallas, Maryanne was born Nov. 17, 1952, the daughter of William Jepson and Rosemary Schaefer Townes, who preceded her in death. She was a graduate of Bishop Lynch High School and received her B.S. and M.S. in political science from Southern Methodist University. She also received her Ph.D. in industrial engineering from the University of Texas at Arlington and graduated with honors, receiving her M.S. in software engineering from the University of Maryland, where she was a member of the National Honors Society and Phi Kappa Phi. Maryanne was a member of numerous engineering societies, including the Human Factors Ergonomics Society. She was employed for 10 years by Motorola Corp. where she attained the status "Black Belt project manager." While in California, Maryanne met Robert Gurney. The couple were married in May 1975 and moved to Fort Worth in 1990. They were members of Beth-El Congregation where they both have served on congregation committees. Survivors: In addition to her husband of 34 years, Robert, Maryanne is survived by her uncle, Ed Schaefer of Sacramento, Calif.; several cousins living in Dallas,

including Barbara Schaefers Mondragon and her husband, Max, Gene Schaefers and his wife, Sandi, Ann Schaefers Foster and her husband, Ken, and Steve Schaefers and his wife, Nicloe; brother-in-law, David Gurney and his wife, Nancy, of Corona, Calif.; and sisters-in-law, Melissa Gurney Porter and her husband, David, of Bakersfield, Calif., and Susan Gurney Brand and her husband, Chuck, of San Jose, Calif., and their families.

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