



Patricia Diane Bland
June 19, 1959 - July 21, 2023

Celebrating the Life of
Patricia Diane Bland

Sunday, July 23, 2023 6:00 p.m.
Broussard's Chapel
Beaumont, Texas

"I Can Only Imagine"
by MercyMe

Opening Prayer
Lead by Brother Tom Blankenship

Obituary

Stories Of Life

"You Say"
by Lauren Daigle

Poem
"God's Garden"

Message
Lead by Pastor Marty Reid

"When I Get Where I'm Going"
by Brad Paisley & Dolly Parton

God's Garden

*God looked around his garden
And found an empty place,
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb.
So he closed your weary eyelids
And whispered, 'Peace bethine'.
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.*



Born in Beaumont, Texas on June 19, 1959, daughter of Yvonne & Ed Bland. She grew up with three siblings in Vidor, Texas and spent most of her life in the Golden Triangle. She loved the beach, hosting parties with friends, shopping, gardening, and spending time with her family. Some called her Lady Di, but all called her the “life of the party.” She was extremely outgoing and always ready to help others. She would often be the first one there and the last to leave. She was the “cool” mom to all three of her children, and their friends, through their adolescent years.

In her forties, she met her soulmate, Jimmy Trotter, and moved to Dallas. She has spent the last sixteen years there with him. They spent time traveling together, often attending events and baseball games and shopping until they both dropped. In 2014, she was diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer, and her boyfriend has been right by her side, taking good care of her through these last 9 very challenging years.

Diane will always be remembered for her unconditional love, outgoing personality & fighting spirit. Her advice was always to live in the moment, don't plan!

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Ida-Mae Robuck, Henry Bland, Maggie Statum, Frank Fowler, and her mother, Yvonne Bland.

She is survived by her father, Ed Bland of Vidor; sister, Marilyn Blankenship and husband, Thomas Blankenship, of Kountze; sister, Debbie Bland of Vidor; brother, Larry Bland of Vidor; brother, Terry Bland; sister, Melissa Bland Cahill; son, Josh Smith; wife, Ann Smith of West Columbia; daughter, Casandra Walker-Mathews and husband, Gerald Mathews, of Los Angeles; son, Dylan Rutledge and fiancé, Cassie Stevens, of Dallas; grandchildren, Kaleb Smith, Lucas Smith, Alyssa Smith, Grae Mathews, Gavin Mathews, and Garrison Mathews; and five nieces and nephews.

You've gone into my future to prepare the way, and in kindness you follow behind me to spare me from the harm of my past. You have laid your hand on me! This is just too wonderful, deep, and incomprehensible! Your understanding of me brings me wonder and strength.









Memorial Contributions

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