



# Marcia Austin Echols

August 29, 1942 - June 18, 2023

## In Loving Memory of Marcia Austin Echols

It is with heavy hearts and profound sadness that we announce the passing of Marcia Austin Echols, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. Marcia lost her battle with pulmonary fibrosis and left this world on Sunday June 18, 2023 surrounded by family, leaving behind a legacy of love and compassion, and a lifetime of cherished memories.

Marcia is predeceased by her parents, Thomas E., and Susie Covington Austin, and her brother, Thomas Ewing Austin, Jr. Marcia is survived by her loving husband Judge Robert Lynn Echols and her three children: Susan Echols, Robert Lynn Echols Jr. (Christy), and John Austin Echols; her three grandchildren Bert, Anna, and Mayme Echols, and a multitude of family members and friends who will forever hold her dear.

Born on August 29, 1942, Marcia grew up in Springfield, TN. She was a remarkable individual whose vibrant spirit touched the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing her. Marcia was a beacon of kindness and warmth, always ready with a smile to brighten anyone's day. She had a gentle and nurturing soul, offering unwavering support and guidance to those around her.

Family was the cornerstone of Marcia's life. She was a devoted wife to her loving husband, Robert, sharing a deep bond and a full life together. Marcia's children, Susan, Robert Jr., and John Austin were her pride and joy. She poured her heart and soul into their upbringing, loving them unconditionally and teaching them to do the same. Marcia set the perfect example of loving thy neighbor as thyself.

Marcia attended the University of Tennessee in Knoxville where she shined as a majorette in the Pride of the Southland Band. She was a proud Tennessee Vol who gave back to her school through her service on the Board of Trustees and The President's Council for the University.

Marcia possessed a remarkable intellect and natural empathy that drove her successful career in her family's cemetery business. She served as President of both the Cemetery Association of Tennessee in 1993-1994 and The Southern Cemetery, Cremation, and Funeral Association in 1998-1999. Her dedication and commitment to her work were unparalleled, earning her the admiration and respect of her colleagues.

Beyond her professional endeavors, Marcia had a profound impact on her community. She was unwavering in her passion for people and causes in which she believed. She was fiercely loyal and never tired of doing the right things the right way. She was a gentle but mighty force.

Marcia attended Christ Presbyterian Church in Nashville and was active in her church community. She cherished her women's bible study group and was actively communicating with them until her death.

God's gifts to Marcia as He draws her near are peace, comfort, and eternal life. God gives to us the legacy of her love, compassion and strength that guides us, the stories that make us smile, and the memories of who she was that make us so proud. With gratitude, we remember a life well-lived, and a precious soul deeply loved.

The family will hold a service and burial this week and will hold a Celebration of Life / Gathering of Friends from 4-6pm Tuesday, June 27th at the Belle Meade Country Club, 815 Belle Meade Blvd., Nashville, TN 37205.

It was Marcia's wish that any memorial tributes be made in the form of donations to Abe's Garden Community, 115 Woodmont Boulevard, Nashville, Tennessee 37205 or by visiting [www.abesgarden.org](http://www.abesgarden.org)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield is in charge of these arrangements.

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# Tribute Wall

PA

“ It was a pleasure knowing Marcia and being involved with her at church as well as other gatherings. I enjoyed her beautiful smile and wonderful sweet personality, and her kindness to everyone she met. God's blessings of peace be with you, Robert and your family. With understand sympathy, Patty Adkisson. .

Patty Adkisson` - June 25, 2023 at 01:04 PM

SS

“ Ditto to all Mary Ella said and she said it so well. Marcia was better than a sister to us. She took us everywhere in her convertible while her friends were probably doing something much more fun. Kindness is my word for Marcia. We were so blessed to have her influence in our lives. I am so thankful I was able to spend do much time with her when Tommy die. I will treasure the memories of that day with all the Austin clan forever. It was special.

Sylvia Stubblefield - June 20, 2023 at 07:19 PM

MR

“ Marcia took three adoring young girls under her wing giving us adventures of a lifetime.Mary Dudley Bryant, Sylvia Swann, and Mary Ella Moore enjoyed many sleepovers at Hoss Haven, visiting at UT while she attended there, and being guests of Marcia and Robert while he served in Washington DC. Believe me, we got the royal treatment!! Marcia always made people feel so special and so loved.Prayers for all her family. A bright light now shines with the angels.

Mary Ella Ridenour - June 20, 2023 at 02:58 PM

EF

“ When I think of Marcia, I smile She was an important piece of my growing up puzzle .....great friend, fellow majorette, dance buddy, SubDeb big sister, and hostess to many sleepovers upstairs at the funeral home. What fun we had! I am truly sorry this beautiful (inside and out) girl is gone.  
Ellen Highsmith Felts

Ellen Highsmith Felts - June 20, 2023 at 07:51 AM