



# **Mrs. Traci Elaine Thibodeaux**

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**M**rs. Traci Elaine Thibodeaux entered into eternal rest on January 21, 2024.





## Events


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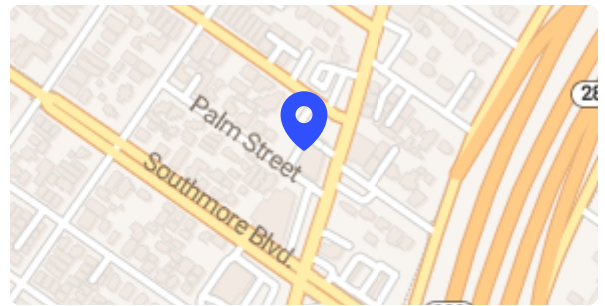
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### Memorial Service

 **Sunday**, February 11, 2024

 12:00 PM CT

 **Mabrie Memorial Mortuary**  
5000 Almeda Road, Houston TX 77004





LW

**Leor Wellington** posted:

In honor of my lovely and dear friend, I'll share the words that I spoke this past Sunday as I would like everyone to know her in the way I knew her and understand that a truly unique soul has departed from us -Matthew 5:13-16:13 "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. 14 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Sometimes, I think - why did God give me a friend like Traci? The thought places me in awe, it humbles me to think that I could have been blessed like this. She was a dear friend, a person who gave me the type of a friendship people search for and never find in a lifetime. She was a dear friend, only for a short time. I met Traci a little over 15 years ago. We spotted each other across a room, didn't speak at first, but later introduced ourselves and from there, a few meet-ups turned into long conversations about how we were going to change our lives, and the fun we were both looking forward to with the prospect of business school ahead of us. We were dreamers. Me, the tentative dreamer; Traci was more certain and with no bounds, and convinced, thoroughly convinced, that she would achieve everything she set out to do. She had this self belief that defied understanding, actually. She was unique - she didn't stop at thinking wonderful things for herself; she genuinely believed it for other people. I later came to realize that it wasn't so much a belief in self. It was deep faith in God and his miraculous power. Traci was THAT person - never bogged down in what couldn't be done because she knew God would do it. Her entire being was an expression of that. On the surface, Traci came across as optimistic, good-natured, full of uproarious laughter. She was 'counter-culture' if you want to apply a trendy term. She was also funny, but not in a comedic sense; she was simply tickled by all the good things that would come her way. If I met Traci after a long break, I would be greeted with peals of laughter, some kind of excited antics, and we would immediately launch into crazy schemes and shenanigans. But, underlying all this was a depth - it was an exuberance. If I were to sum it up, Traci was filled with the joy of God's light. Going back to the verse I read earlier - she was salt that never lost its flavor. She was that light you placed on the stand. God's glory was expressed through her and she was magnificent. Now, who can say that they knew a magnificent person? I'm afraid, what I heard a preacher once say is true - the will of God is seldom done on earth. Perhaps that is the case, but I can say the will of God was certainly done through Traci. We all benefited from knowing her, and I don't mean that in a material sense - I mean deep in the soul. Of all the brilliant things she did while here on this earth, Traci's legacy to me will be that she brought me closer to God; she helped me to understand that God is not small, his grace and mercy knows no bounds and it is fresh every morning. What a friend! What a soulmate! I thank God for the 15 years of His grace and love that I met through Traci. I now realize that the fun and beauty Traci experienced here on this earth, the special life she led, was a glimmer of what she would see with her Maker. I think she must be delighted right now, in Heaven, and with our father seeing the full extent of what he hinted to her through her dreams. We must honor her memory and remember what she taught us while she was here - Believe. Have faith. Take the best of life because it is here, for all of us to have.



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February 15 at 1:50 PM



**Jai Winston** posted:

Traci -Your profound dedication to education and your gift for connecting with others through your authenticity deeply moved me from the moment we met in our New Leaders Council cohort. Your warmth, infectious smile, and unwavering positivity will forever serve as reminders that despite the challenges we face, our stories of overcoming adversity can illuminate paths of inspiration and hope for countless others. You were a beacon of strength and inspiration in my life, and for that, I am endlessly grateful. May you rest in power. With heartfelt condolences, Jai Winston

February 11 at 5:43 AM



**Mary** posted:

Traci - your passion for social justice, equity, reform -- deeply moved me. You were quick to smile and easy to laugh. You brought joy wherever you went. You were a force of truth and love.

February 9 at 7:48 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Thibodeaux family.



February 9 at 6:09 AM



**Lee Chaffin Wiith Frc** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Traci.



February 9 at 6:09 AM



**Porsha M.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Traci.



February 9 at 4:27 AM



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TF

**The Johnson Family** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Thibodeaux family.

February 7 at 2:48 PM



SB

**Shad Bogany** posted:  
prayers and condolences to the family

February 7 at 1:34 PM

DD

**Dr. Toscha Dickerson** shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I will truly miss you! A part of me feels broken, but I know you're still here with me!! I will carry your memories with me forever!! ❤️ You are an inspiration and A Life Changer!!

February 2 at 7:31 AM



JC

**James & Sherriel Curtis** sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Thibodeaux family.

February 6 at 11:27 AM



WR

**Wanda Reese** posted:

I would like to extend my sincere condolences to the family of Traci Thibodeaux may the peace and grace of God comfort you at this trying moment. You never ever know what to say when someone losses a loved you. I always say it's never going to get better but it does get easier. Wanda Brackett and Family 🙏🙏

February 6 at 8:26 AM



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**Reyna** posted:

Traci, you are the epitome of what a big sister should be. Words can't describe the impact that you made on us and on this world. I am honored that I got to experience knowing you and loving you all of my life. Your love was an abundance of knowledge and wisdom and empathy. I have never looked up to anyone more than I've looked up to you and your amazing abilities to succeed in anything you dreamed of doing. You put in our hearts and in our minds that we can do anything and be anything that we desire but not without hard work. You made it look so easy Traci. I don't understand why this has happened and I want you back. I love you. I miss you. I only wish to make you proud of me. I just want you to know I love you. I was with you until the very end. You will always be a part of me and who I am. I want you back. I need you. I'm sorry for not being the best little sister at times, please forgive me. I'll do everything in my power to keep your legacy alive and let the world know how amazing you were and how hard you fought to be here for your family. You are the strongest woman I have ever known. I witnessed you bring life into this world. I witnessed you grow into an phenomenal woman. I will love Tarryn with the same love that you gave us and make sure she knows everything about her mother and how awesome you are.

February 5 at 1:43 PM



**With Love, The Ahmed Family** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Thibodeaux family.



February 5 at 8:38 AM



**Lisa E.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Traci.



February 2 at 2:06 PM



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AB

**Andrea B.** posted:

Traci was such a bright light. Too many memories to share just one. I will always remember how friendly she was to everyone she encountered. She was a kind, joyful, faith filled, hard working visionary and I take comfort knowing she is resting in the arms of her Savior!

February 2 at 7:31 AM

DP

**Denise Nance Pierce** July 9 at 7:59 AM

I have just learned of Traci's passing and am disappointed that our world has lost such a fierce giant of love, equity, and reform. I extend condolences to Traci's entire family, and especially to Traci's daughter who almost certainly has inherited her mother's good looks, determined heart, and helpful hands. Big Love, Denise Nance Pierce

SH

**Stacie Hill** February 13 at 11:58 AM

Sending prayers of comfort to Traci's family. We knew each other as students at UT and she always spoke of her close bond with her mom and sisters. Please know that her longhorn family is mourning the loss of her bright light. Deepest sympathies, Stacie Hill

AJ

**Aunt Betty And Uncle James** February 8 at 5:02 AM

Dear Family, we know we can't make your pain and heartache go away, but just know that we're sending prayers and hugs for comfort, strength, and peace your way. With Love, Aunt Betty & Uncle James

RE

**Reyna** February 5 at 3:31 PM

We love you Andrea. thank you for loving my sister and being an amazing friend all of these years. God bless you.

JT

**Joe Tolbert** February 3 at 6:00 AM

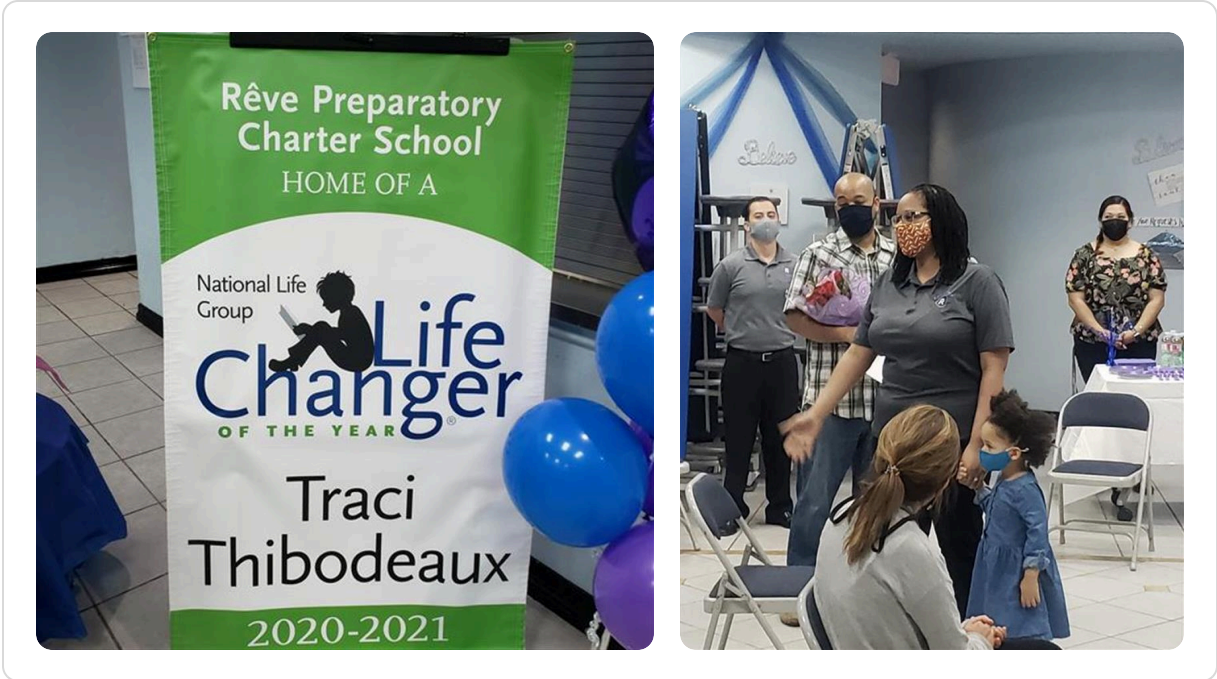
A lost for some, 🙏,,,sweet rest for Traci. God takes care of His own...Joe Ann Tolbert and family.



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February 7 at 7:54 AM







# **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Traci by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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