

## **Benita Kay Coniglio Wright**



Wright, Benita Kay Coniglio Benita Wright died Thursday, April 9, 2009, with her loving husband and sons at her side. Benita was an angel of courage, a devoted mother and wife, and the most loyal and loving friend that anyone could hope for. She lived her life with extraordinary grace and over the years, she bravely met every obstacle placed in her way by Multiple Sclerosis. She radiated a deep kindness to all she met, and she had a sweetness that drew people to her. Yet she was also a fighter who would never give up. A native Texan, Benita was born in Dallas on May 20, 1947, to Frank and Anita Hicks Coniglio, who predeceased her. She grew up in East Dallas and was a proud graduate of Lakewood, Long, and Woodrow Wilson High School. She helped her husband, Harvey, in his real estate career and for many years was a commercial property manager. Perhaps her proudest accomplishments, however, were her twin sons, Patrick Wright and Paul Wright who both have become successful attorneys in Dallas. She was known as "BenBen" to her beloved grandchildren Haley, Hannah, Jack, and Sam. She loved her family, her friends, Elvis, Bruce Springsteen, and good old rock and roll. In addition to her grand-children, Benita is survived by her husband of 44 years, Harvey Wright; her son Patrick Wright and his wife Sheri; her son Paul Wright and wife Jenna; her sisters Mary Beth Rogers, Martha Coniglio, Susie Calmes and her husband Jack, all of Dallas; and her brother Frank Coniglio Jr. of Austin. She leaves behind her nieces and nephews Billy Rogers, Eleanor Petterson, Audrey Dellgren, and Anthony Coniglio, plus many cousins who she loved and stayed in contact with on a regular basis. She also leaves behind her two closest friends who she talked to almost every day: Sandy Wilke of Houston and Gloria Oates of Austin. Family and friends will celebrate Benita's life at a service Wednesday, April 15 at 10 a.m. in the Spark-man/Hillcrest Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive visitors Tuesday, April 14 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions in Benita's honor may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.