

VARSIITY

Oh we see the Varsity,
Varsity, Varsity,
As she towers o'er the hill
Over there.
And our hearts are filled with joy,
SMU, SMU,
Alma Mater, we'll be true
Forever!



SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

MEMORIAL SERVICE
Gretchen C. Voight

*Thursday Afternoon
The Twenty-Ninth of March
Two Thousand and Twelve
at Four O'Clock*

PERKINS CHAPEL

We welcome you here today to celebrate Gretchen's life. In keeping with her and her family's faith, the service will follow Christian tradition.



Gretchen C. Voight, a resident of Irving, Texas, died March 23, 2012, after a brief illness. A native of Port Neches, Texas, Gretchen was the elder child of Donna and Ranny Voight.

She earned in 2003 a Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management from Stephen F. Austin State University. In her first job after college, Gretchen worked for the City of Grapevine Convention and Visitors Bureau, first serving as the festival and community promotions coordinator for city events such as the GrapeFest, Main Street Days and Butterfly Flutterby. In 2004, she moved to the Grapevine Heritage Foundation and served as its historic preservation coordinator for several of the city's preservation and restoration projects, including the Grapevine Depot, Palace Theatre, Nash Farm Capital Campaign and others. She also served as

the city's liaison to the Grapevine Chamber of Commerce, Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce, the Joey Wilkins Foundation, Grapevine AMBUCS, Grapevine Elks, Grapevine Garden Club, Tarrant Area Guild of Storytellers, Dallas-Fort Worth Area Tourism Council and the Southwest Bluegrass Club.

When Gretchen joined SMU in 2006 as the assistant registrar for academic ceremonies, she continued to demonstrate her characteristic energy and enthusiasm to managing all aspects of SMU's five academic ceremonies, including Opening Convocation, December Graduation, Honors Convocation, Baccalaureate Service and Commencement Convocation, as well as other special University events. She immediately became active in SMU's Staff Association, eventually serving as its president in 2010-11 and founding its book club in 2011.

Gretchen's coworkers describe her as lighthearted and funny with a generous spirit who enjoyed giving gifts and happily loaning her personal possessions. She was organized, decisive and had great instincts, even for quick decisions. Gretchen's SMU family embraced her talents early, and after only two years, she received the Presidential Award for New Employee Excellence.

Gretchen's generosity extended to numerous professional organizations and volunteer pursuits where she shared her time and skills as a new member mentor and co-chair of the 2012 annual meeting for the North American Association of Commencement Officers. The Texas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers awarded her with its President's Award in 2009, she served on the Local Arrangements Committee as the Hospitality Chair and was currently serving as the organization's secretary. She also was involved with the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity and the Joey Wilkins Foundation.

Gretchen is survived by her parents, sister, Robyn Lovett and husband Travis; grandmothers Patricia Stewart and Mary Voight; aunts and uncles, Susan and Jeff Klopfenstein, Mark Voight, Peter and Charlyn Voight; extended family, as well as countless friends who were blessed to know her.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PRELUDE		The Imperial Brass
WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP		Rev. Dr. Stephen W. Rankin Chaplain and Minister to the University
INVOCATION		Chaplain Rankin
HYMN	<i>Children of the Heavenly Father</i>	Hymn #141
STATEMENT OF REGRET		R. Gerald Turner President of the University
REMEMBRANCE		Thomas W. Tunks Professor of Music
SCRIPTURE READING		Denton Bricker President of the SMU Staff Association
Psalm 139		
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>You Are There</i>	Bill Schahn
REMEMBRANCE		Thomas B. Fomby Chief Marshal and Professor of Economics
SCRIPTURE READING		Katelyn Hall Student
Ecclesiastes 3: 11-13		
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Julie Wiksten Associate Vice President of Campus Services
REMEMBRANCE		Berri O'Neal and Douglas Bolin TACRAO President and NAACO President
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>I'll Walk With God</i>	Jim Dees SMU Staff Association Treasurer
REMEMBRANCE		John A. Hall University Registrar
HYMN	<i>It Is Well With My Soul</i>	Hymn #377
BLESSING AND DISMISSAL		Chaplain Rankin
VARSITY		The Imperial Brass
THE POSTLUDE		The Imperial Brass

The accompanist on the piano for today's service is Elizaveta Ivleva.