



Betty Lorene Baker Colburn

July 16, 1929 - September 7, 2024

Betty Lorene Baker Colburn, 95, passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 7, 2024, in Tyler, Texas. She was born in Nacogdoches, Texas on July 16, 1929. She was the oldest of three daughters born to Ruth Burnaman Baker and James August Baker.

Lorene graduated from Mount Pleasant High School in 1946 and was accepted to Stephen F. Austin University. She graduated in 1949 with a B.A. degree in business and a master's degree in business education. While at SFA, she was voted SFA's "Most Beautiful" and met the love of her life, Samuel Erven Colburn. They were married on July 1, 1950, in Houston, Texas and later moved to Carthage, Texas. In 2006 they moved to Tyler, Texas and celebrated 69 years of marriage. Lorene and her loving husband, Samuel, were members of Tyler's Glenwood Church of Christ.

Lorene was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She taught in the Texas school systems for over 30 years as a college professor and a high school accounting teacher. She was selected as Teacher of the Year several times and was also active in numerous organizations, including Alpha Delta Kappa, the Carthage Book Club and the Carthage Service League. She was also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the Republic of Texas societies. She had a passion for history and a deep love for her country. She had a great sense of

style and was a beautiful seamstress, always designing dresses to perfection for herself, her daughter, and her granddaughter. Most of all, she loved to cook and was always planning a holiday meal, dinner, or a special dessert for her family to enjoy even in her final days. Nothing gave her more joy than spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Lorene was preceded in death by her parents, sisters, Doris Baker Hanna of Plano and Mary Baker Kinsey of Pasadena, and her husband, Samuel Erven Colburn of Tyler.

She is survived by her three children: son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Debora Colburn of Tomball; son, Chris Colburn of Houston; and daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Jerry Jones of Tyler. Grandchildren: Dr. Lindsey Hunter-Ellul and husband, Paul Ellul of Austin; Lauren and husband, Michael Stoltz of Tyler; Blake and wife, Emma Jones of Midland; Kathryn and husband, Moutaz Muraywed of Houston; Christa and husband, Carlos Valdez of Houston; and nine great-grandchildren.

The graveside service will be held at Rose Hill Cemetery in Tyler, Texas at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, with Dr. Doug Baker, Pastor of Marvin Methodist Church officiating. Services are under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Honorary Pallbearers are Chris Colburn, Gary Colburn, Jerry Jones, Blake Jones, Michael Stoltz, and Paul Ellul.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Lorene's memory to the American Cancer Society and Hospice of East Texas.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

Rose Hill Cemetery
2400 S. Donnybrook
Tyler, TX 75702

Tribute Wall

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“ I’m so sorry to read the notice of Mrs. Colburn’s passing. She was my Typing teacher and also my Accounting instructor at Tatum High School in the early 1980s. She was an outstanding Teacher, Mentor and Friend who gave of herself in time, interest, energy and compassion to her students. I was afraid of her at first and thought her mean! Time in her classroom and under her nurturing supervision made me realize that she only wanted the best for her students and that her standards were high! Never will I forget her donating her own daughter’s dress so that the Home Economics Teacher, Mrs. Thoman, could make necessary alterations which allowed me to attend the Senior Prom with the girl of my choice. Mrs. Lorene Colburn encouraged and challenged me as her pupil and I reap the benefits of her special gifts in my life every day! Thank you, Mrs. Colburn, for taking a young, shy, introverted young man and applying your own special blend of polish to help me shine! I will never forget you and I am very grateful to you almost a half century later. -Sam Adams, Tatum High School Class of 1983



Sam Adams - September 21, 2024 at 01:08 AM

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“ Much love, Cindy & Marlin Williford purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Betty Lorene Baker Colburn.



Much love, Cindy & Marlin Williford - September 10, 2024 at 11:46 PM

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“ Much love, Cindy & Marlin Williford planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Lorene Baker Colburn.

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