



Bolivia Lee Collins Powell

January 26, 1948 - August 14, 2024

Funeral Service for Bolivia Collins Powell, 76, of Dallas will be held at 2:00 PM Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler, Texas with Pastor Randy Langford officiating. Interment will follow at the Rose Hill Cemetery.

Bolivia was born January 26, 1948, in Lufkin, Texas to Bolivar Lee Collins, Jr. and Lottie Belle Lockey. She was named for her father. She was a fifth generation Texan. She married the love of her life Walter Connally Powell on November 23, 1973, in Lufkin, TX. They were married over fifty years. They had one son Walter "Walt" Connally Powell, Jr., who preceded her in death.

Bolivia was a 1966 graduate of Lufkin High School, and had attended SFA and Allred Business School. Prior to moving to Dallas, she was secretary at her father's law firm. In Dallas, she worked at First National Bank where she met Connally.

Bolivia had multiple interests throughout her life. She loved animals, and had a variety of pets which included cats, dogs, horses, raccoon, possum and owls. Through her love of animals, she began to raise and show Miniature Schnauzers. Bolivia also bred multiple Miniature Schnauzer Champions, who achieved many awards. She showed many times at the Westminster Dog Show. Bolivia also enjoyed engaging herself in many other activities, such as

snow skiing, fly fishing, playing golf, & target shooting.

She was a member of the Mary Tyler DAR and had been a member of the UDC, DAC, and CDXVIIC. She was in the Tyler Junior League, the Dallas Junior League, Lone Star Miniature Schnauzer Club of Dallas, American Miniature Schnauzer Association, life member of the NRA and the NRA Golden Eagles. She received the NRA National Patriots Medal. Bolivia was on the board of the Responsible Pet Owners Alliance and was National Schnauzer Rescue Chairman.

She was preceded in death by her son Walt, her parents, her sister and brother-in-law Sara and Dr. Robert Kurth, her nephew Roy Collins Kurth, her mother-in-law Martha Ann Connally Cassel and father-in-law Delbert L. Powell.

She is survived by her husband W. Connally Powell, niece and husband Karen and Ronnie Hall, nephew Robert Lee Kurth, Jr., grandnieces Kristen Hall Reid, Annabelle Kurth, and Ashley Kurth Allen, grandnephew and wife Ryan Kurth and Rusti Hall, great-grand nieces Hallie, Harlie, Bentley and Boston Hall, great-grandnephew Daegan Reid and numerous cousins and friends.

The family would like to thank her primary caregiver and friend Kenia Menjivar, the staff of Medical City Hospital of Dallas, the Plaza at Edgemere and Cambridge Caregivers especially Alice Brown.

The family will receive friends from 1:00-2:00 pm prior to the service.

If a donation tribute is desired please give to Samaritan's Purse, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, Responsible Pet Owners Alliance or the charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

2400 S. Donnybrook
Tyler, TX 75702

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 21. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Service

AUG 21. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Bolivia Lee Collins Powell*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - August 21, 2024 at 06:05 PM

CL

“ *I knew Bolivia from our love of Miniature Schnauzers and going to shows. She was a lot of fun but knew her stuff. We were members of the AMSC. American Miniature Schnauzer Club. The last time I got to see her was at Great Western Terrier Shows in Long Beach.. We will miss her spirit.*
Cherryl Lyons, Sunfire

Cherrl Lyons - August 26, 2024 at 10:13 PM

JB

“ Beverly and John Berry Houston, Texas
We wanted to express our condolences and to acknowledge our love for Bolivia and Connally. We were neighbors and close friends for a number of years when we both lived in Tyler Texas across the street from each other. Bolivia could always be counted on to watch the neighborhood and let us know if she had any concerns in such a meaningful and considerate way.

Our two boys were friends with Walt and we all had many wonderful experiences and trips together. We miss Bolivia and Walt. I will look forward to spending time with Connally. Best wishes and much love
Beverly and John Berry.

John and Beverly Berry - August 23, 2024 at 06:27 PM

HK

“ She was a spitfire. I recall her son's greatest pleasure was giving his mom a hard time. RIP Bolivia and Walt💕💕

Heather Klein - August 21, 2024 at 03:54 PM

TW

“ We thank Bolivia for introducing us to many dog events and for sharing her massive canine knowledge! We shared a mutual love of dogs and learned much from her.
Walt & our Robyn attended Stepping Stones Kindergarten together. Lots of laughter was had by all.

We will miss Bolivia and thank you, Connally, for your devotion to her.

Please come to see us in Tyler!!

💕💕🙏🏠 Steve & Tricia Wiggs

Tricia & Steve Wiggs - August 20, 2024 at 07:58 PM

RP

“ Rob Powell purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bolivia Lee Collins Powell.



Rob Powell - August 20, 2024 at 04:41 PM

BR

“ Bethany Rolando purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bolivia Lee Collins Powell.



Bethany Rolando - August 20, 2024 at 12:45 PM

GW

“ I first met Bolivia when I was in high school as I recall. Her neice Karen Kurth Was my super friend. Bolivia and Karen were in the band at Lufkin High School so this is how we met. I always remember her smiling but also being a very determined person. After high school we were both bridesmaids in Karen’s wedding. Later on I played the organ for Bolivia and Connallys wedding at First Baptist Church in Lufkin. Through the years I would see her from time to time and we did some FB. Admired her work with animals. Bolivia will be greatly missed by both her two footed and 4 footed friends who knew and loved her. She is with Jesus now.

Grace Ann Wilson - August 20, 2024 at 12:42 PM

LW

“ I met B online sometime in the early '90's through Prodigy. A group of us would “meet” in a chat room and discuss dogs, showing and whatever else we could think of. I met her in person in Memphis at a dog show, then later on when I couldn't find a hotel room, I slept on the floor of her room. I remember “Nitty” aka Tejas Evening Shade stealing my watch...B got a kick out of that and offered to buy me a new one. She was like that, always generous. I will miss my old friend. RIP B, until we meet again.

Linda LaPalme Wilkinson

Linda LaPalme Wilkinson - August 20, 2024 at 12:32 AM

RS

“ Rochelle and Ron Siebken purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Bolivia Lee Collins Powell.



Rochelle and Ron Siebken - August 19, 2024 at 07:45 PM

SK

“ Suzanne K. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Bolivia Lee Collins Powell.



Suzanne K. - August 18, 2024 at 11:20 PM

SK

“ Suzanne K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bolivia Lee Collins Powell.

Suzanne K. - August 18, 2024 at 11:20 PM

GF

“ Gerry, Ricky & Connally/Robinson Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Bolivia Lee Collins Powell.



Gerry, Ricky & Connally/Robinson Family - August 18, 2024
at 05:49 PM



“ Heavenly Sentiments Spray was purchased for the family of Bolivia Lee Collins Powell.



August 18, 2024 at 05:46 PM

TF

“ The Flix Brewhouse Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bolivia Lee Collins Powell.

The Flix Brewhouse Family - August 18, 2024 at 05:46 PM

LB

“ *Bolivia, was an incredible woman and I was blessed to call her my friend over the years. I first met Bolivia in 1991, when our paths crossed in the Lone Star Schnauzer Club, AMSCOPE, and various dog shows. Her kindness, laughter, passion, and enthusiasm for life was contagious. It did not matter if we had not talked in three weeks or three months, when we did see each other it seemed we started again right where we left off. Whether talking about the ebb and flow of family or the ear and tail set of a miniature schnauzer...it was impossible not to get swept up in an engaging conversation. Bolivia, was a wonderful mentor to me, generous with her time, and I learned so much from her. She was a "one in a million" and will be greatly missed. Heaven has a new Texas Angel. With Deepest Sympathy, Leah Bullard Keller, Texas*

Leah Bullard - August 18, 2024 at 03:15 PM

RH

“ *I thought I had left a memory earlier— mane it didn't "send"... how fun it was to have Bolivia, Connally and, and Walt living next door on Bracken when our kids were growing up! I cherish the special evenings when we walked or ran errands, listening to the John Denver tape and singing along "Rocky mountain High", just before our " next trip to Colorado" to ski.*

reita rea haahorne - August 18, 2024 at 03:08 PM

HB

“ Bolivia was such a good friend to me for over 30 years. I respected her and learned so much from her. She loved her Schnauzers! One of my favorite memories was going to dog shows with her. She even taught me how to groom them. She was just incredibly kind to me and our whole family. She will be missed greatly!

Helenice Barrett - August 17, 2024 at 09:03 PM

FB

“ Going to the dogshows with Bolivia was always an adventure and never dull. Whether it was having her pick me up off the PA TP while my husband and daughter got the motor home towed (with a blown tire and damage) and go on to Hatboro to get towed thru the mud to our spot. Or going into Eagle Tavern so tired we forgot to turn the car off. When we came out Bolivia said " it's cold, hope the car warms up quick " lol No problem!!! I will never forget all the hilarious times we had. What a wonderful woman and fascinating friend I feel so lucky to have had. I will miss her.

Flo Bessemer - August 17, 2024 at 07:01 PM

LM

“ Luis, Caleb, Kenia Menjivar. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Bolivia Lee Collins Powell.



Luis, Caleb, Kenia Menjivar. - August 17, 2024 at 01:41 PM

LM

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Luis, Caleb, Kenia Menjivar. - August 17, 2024 at 01:41 PM

KM

“ *This is not a goodbye my dear friend. Death is not the end, just the beginning of a new life. A strong woman with a tender heart. Thank you for your everyday teachings, I will treasure them in my heart forever. Love you always. Enjoy the company of Walt and your loved ones, in the presence of our beloved God.*

-Kenia Menjivar

Kenia Menjivar - August 17, 2024 at 01:23 PM

SM

“ *Ah, Bolivia I wish you peace. You taught me so much about mini schnauzers. We co-owned CH Tejas Christmas Carol. I can never thank you enough for the gifts of yourself that you gave me,*

Sheila Marks - August 16, 2024 at 10:01 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Bolivia Lee Collins Powell.*



August 16, 2024 at 08:38 PM

SS

“ *How do I summarize the last almost 23 years. We met at a dog show and went until we didn't go anymore. I will always cherish every moment we spent together. Laughing, crying, sitting quietly watching FoxNews and all in-between. We were besties and I will always miss her. I am honored to have been her friend for so long. RIP B.*

Suzie Summers - August 16, 2024 at 06:32 PM