



## Carol Joy Swinney

December 21, 1937 - April 30, 2016

A Celebration of the life of Carol Joy Lewis Swinney, 78, of Tyler, will be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 4, 2016, in the Green Acres Baptist Church Chapel, Tyler, with Dr. Paul W. Powell officiating. Visitation will be Tuesday, May 3, 2016, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, TX 75703.

Carol was born December 21, 1937, in Houston, Texas, to John Whiteman Lewis and Willie C. Lewis and died Saturday, April 30, 2016.

She attended Chapel Hill High School, Tyler Junior College, and graduated from Texas State University in 1958 with a B.S. in Education and went on to teach English in the Houston and Tyler Independent School Districts.

Throughout her life, Carol sought to help others in practical ways, including a term as President of the Tyler Woman's Forum. She found particular joy investing her life in activities with eternal significance. She and her family were charter members of Bethel Baptist Church organized in 1946 where she served as church pianist and organist for many years. Through Bible Study Fellowship and Woman's Missionary Union, she equipped women with a knowledge of God's Word and the ability to share it with others. Various mission endeavors with Green Acres Baptist Church enabled her to love well in many capacities. She was also an avid reader and gifted seamstress.

Carol is survived by her husband of 57 years, Paul Swinney; her son Chip Swinney and wife Kimberly of Tyler; daughter Janna Swinney Walker and husband Rex of New Braunfels; grandchildren Trey and Rex Swinney; Callie, Reynolds and Charlotte Walker.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Paul "Stormy" Lewis and Ray Lewis.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd, Tyler, Texas, 75701 or to Bible Study Fellowship at [www.bsfinternational.org](http://www.bsfinternational.org).

# Cemetery Details

## Mason Cemetery

21800 CR 252  
Arp, TX 75750

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Mem. Service

MAY 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

Green Acres Baptist Church  
1607 Troup Hwy.  
Tyler, TX 75701

# Tribute Wall

GB

“ Carol Sweeney was my 9th grade English teacher at Roberts Junior High in Tyler. I remember her as a beautiful young woman who encouraged her students to always try harder. Her great smile and personality caused us to try to please her. She was only 9 years older than we were, and we admired and loved her. My deepest sympathies go out to her family.

Gaylia Bond - May 06, 2016 at 03:09 AM

LC

“ Our thoughts and prayers with wishes for peace, healing and health go with you.  
John & Louise Neville Carlson

Louise Neville Carlson - May 04, 2016 at 07:23 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Carol Joy Swinney.



May 04, 2016 at 10:22 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Carol Joy Swinney.



May 04, 2016 at 09:25 AM

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“ *Leah Knight purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Carol Joy Swinney.*



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**Leah Knight** - May 03, 2016 at 09:18 PM

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“ *The Rex Walker Family purchased the Divine Light for the family of Carol Joy Swinney.*



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**The Rex Walker Family** - May 03, 2016 at 09:59 AM

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“ *My condolences to the Swinney family sorry for your loss. May you find comforting God's promises of soon a world without tears and pain.Rev.21:4*

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**Lee** - May 03, 2016 at 09:24 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Carol Joy Swinney.*



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May 02, 2016 at 04:29 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Carol Joy Swinney.*



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May 02, 2016 at 03:14 PM