



Carolyn Sue Miller Halbrooks Bain

June 14, 1932 - April 30, 2026

On April 30, 2026, Carolyn Sue Miller Halbrooks Bain suddenly went to be in the arms of Jesus, surrounded by many members of her family and the angels God sent to walk her home. Carolyn Sue Miller was born on June 14, 1932, in south Chicago, Illinois, the oldest child of Mary Mildred and Donald Hosler Miller. During World War II, the family moved from Chicago, Illinois, to Pasadena, Texas. After graduating from Pasadena High School in 1950, she attended nursing school at the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) in Galveston, Texas, where she became a registered nurse. While attending UTMB, she met Norman Earl Halbrooks of Bryan, Texas, and the two married on July 13, 1952. While in Galveston, she gave birth to three children: Anne in 1954, Ronald in 1955, and Polly in 1957. After Norman finished medical school and residency, Carolyn, Norman, and their three young children moved to Tyler, Texas in 1957. In Tyler, Carolyn gave birth to three more children: Carol in 1958, Laura in 1960, and Gary in 1961. In May 1972, Norman suddenly passed, leaving Carolyn a widow with six children.

In August 1980, Carolyn married Jack David Bain of Bullard, Texas. In 1982, she graduated with her BS in Nursing from the University of Texas at Tyler (UT Tyler). Carolyn worked for several years in the Tyler Independent School District as a nurse and later decided to go into residential real estate, eventually establishing Bain Real Estate with her husband Dave after obtaining her broker's license. Carolyn was involved in the Women's

Symphony League (WSL) and the WSL Endowment Foundation, which honored her for fifty years of support on the day of her passing. She was particularly interested in the Youth Orchestra. She served on numerous church committees and groups, including missions, finance, teaching Girls in Action and Mission Friends, supporting her children in the numerous activities they were involved in through First Baptist Church, leading the Women's Missionary Union, and serving on the Pastor Search Committee. Carolyn was involved in the former Care Shelter, performing physicals for youths who were admitted into the shelter, as well as in the PTA at Hubbard Junior High School.

Carolyn was active in the Smith County Medical Association and Medical Auxiliary, the Tyler Association of Realtors, the National Association of Realtors, the Women's Council of Realtors, and the Nursing School located on the Tyler Junior College (TJC) campus, where she annually presented an award from the Norman E. Halbrooks, M.D. Memorial Scholarship Endowment. She was an active member of Cultu Mea Literary Club, Sigma Theta Tau at UT Tyler, and the American Association of University Women. Carolyn maintained her nursing license for sixty-plus years. Recently, when asked what her favorite job had been through the years, she answered, "Being the mother of [my] six children."

Carolyn was preceded in death by her first husband, Dr. Norman Earl Halbrooks. She is survived by her husband, Jack David Bain; her sister Ann Dillard of Carbondale, Illinois; and her six children: Anne (Michael) Daub of Brownwood, Texas, Ronald (Mary) Halbrooks of Durham, North Carolina, Polly (Alex) Mirsky of Flint, Texas, Carol (Dan) Hylden of Whitehouse, Texas, Laura (David) Moench of Nashville, Tennessee & Edinburgh, Scotland, and Gary (Toni) Halbrooks of Bullard, Texas. Her grandchildren include Eric Daub, Anna Daub, Sarah Richards, Amanda Schroer, Victoria Harford, Grace Marsh, Lauren Mirsky, Ryan Mirsky, David Hylden, Elisa Stamps, Molly Bernhard, Mandy Bray, Meredith Mörling, Mallory Moench Zepeda, Craig Halbrooks,

Carter Halbrooks, and Carrie Halbrooks. She is also survived by 31 great-grandchildren and a large number of very close nieces and nephews.

Carolyn was a friendly, compassionate woman. She loved to read, follow fashion and housing trends, and keep up with her large extended family. Carolyn loved Tyler, East Texas and the people there. She loved First Baptist Church, where she was a member for almost seventy years. She loved missions and regularly prayed for the missionaries. Carolyn loved her large family, but most importantly she loved God.

Memorials may be made to:

- The International Mission Board of the SBC, 3806 Monument Ave., Richmond, Virginia 23230
- The Norman E. Halbrooks, M.D. Memorial Scholarship Endowment located at TJC, Endowment Office, P.O. Box 9020, Tyler, Texas 75711-9020
- First Baptist Church (for the Library or The Generation-to-Generation Fund), 301 W. Ferguson, Tyler, Texas 75702

Funeral services will be held Friday, May 8, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church, Tyler, Texas, with Rev. Pike Wisner, Rev. Scott Wiley, and Rev. David Moench officiating, under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home (Live Stream Link: www.youtube.com/FBCTylerTX) with a reception immediately following on the 4th floor of the church. A private interment will be held prior to the memorial service.

Cemetery Details

Private Family Graveside

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
301 W. Ferguson
Tyler, TX 75702

Reception Following Memorial Service

MAY 8 (CT)

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Tyler, TX 75702

4th Floor

Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Carolyn Sue Miller Halbrooks Bain



Stewart Family Funeral Home - May 07 at 01:37 PM

MT

Just read about Carolyn's passing. Sympathy to her loving family. I don't remember how I met Ann's knew her but she didn't live only a few street's from me. And somehow I have a a cookie recipe from her that I still use. Sweet lady

Marcie Toups - May 17 at 06:57 AM



“ Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of Carolyn Sue Miller Halbrooks Bain.



May 07 at 08:07 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carolyn Sue Miller Halbrooks Bain.

May 07 at 08:07 PM



“ 289 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - May 07 at 12:14 PM

DG

“ *Mrs Bain was a champion of life itself... a couple of weeks ago, she sent me a note along with some Tyler newspaper clippings of photos I'd taken ... she took time to make other's time more gracious... celebrating a well -lived life !*

Dr Larry Goddard - May 07 at 10:38 AM

AM

“ *Many years ago I taught a real estate course & Carolyn attended. She kept me on my toes & we exchanged many stories of Property Management. She was an eager learner & was good for the whole class. Her legacy continued as I became friends with her son, Gary & we became decades-long associates at Venue Properties. Lasting impression: "What would Jesus do"?*

Art & Linda Mullan - May 05 at 10:51 PM

WP

“ I have known Carolyn most of my adult life. Son Gary and I are long term friends and over the years I have learned about the family and also had a number of interactions over the years with Carolyn. She always had a hunger to learn and be current on the world around her. Carolyn had a big heart and was a great listener, engaging in conversation. I always had the utmost respect for Carolyn being a young widow and how she kept the family together and continued the family legacies. We also knew Carolyn from First Baptist Tyler and saw her servants heart in action. I know the family she loved so much will miss her greatly but know there is celebration in Heaven. Carolyn finished the race well and is the example of what we should all aspire to, " well done, thy good and faithful servant". May God Bless all the family that Carolyn leaves behind.
Bill and Laurie Pillsbury

william pillsbury - May 05 at 08:59 PM

RE

“ *Roaring Fork Energy purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Carolyn Sue Miller Halbrooks Bain.*



Roaring Fork Energy - May 05 at 06:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carolyn Sue Miller Halbrooks Bain.*



May 05 at 01:36 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carolyn Sue Miller Halbrooks Bain.

May 05 at 01:36 AM



“ The Stamps family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Carolyn Sue Miller Halbrooks Bain.



The Stamps family - May 04 at 09:15 PM



“ The Stamps family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Sue Miller Halbrooks Bain.

The Stamps family - May 04 at 09:15 PM



“ What an honor to have known Carolyn and her family. We had a lot of good times at FBC and Tyler Tennis and Swim 🙏

William “Van” Jordan - May 04 at 07:01 PM



“ What a hole in humanity is left with Carolyn’s passing. Always the encourager with an uplifting compliment up until the end. She will be so missed but there is no doubt she is rejoicing in heaven. ☐

Leslie Roberts - May 04 at 05:55 PM

KU

“ *Kelley Uzzell lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Sue Miller Halbrooks Bain*



kelley Uzzell - May 02 at 01:41 AM

AC

Carolyn was a ITMB Alymnus as am I. She helped us find our home in Tyler with great determination and patience. Recently she invited me to her new residence for lunch. It was such a blessing to spend time with her again. She will be missed but not forgotten. May God grant her peace. Anthe Caruso

Anthe Caruso - May 05 at 10:56 AM