



## Carolyn Hardiman

November 18, 1939 - March 1, 2018

After a lengthy battle with dementia, Carolyn Vandergriff Hardiman, beloved wife, mother, sister, and grandmother, was welcomed into the hands of our Lord on Thursday, March 1st, 2018. She was born in Corsicana, TX on November 18, 1939. After moving to Tyler during her high school years, she graduated from Tyler High, class of 1958.

It was on a blind date, October 31st, that she met her future loving husband, with whom she recently celebrated their 46th anniversary. With her husband, she enjoyed traveling, dining out and visiting their children as they began their own families. At home she enjoyed the constant activities of the comings and goings that go along with raising four children. As her home was conveniently located for all, she especially enjoyed when her family and friends would stop in for a visit. Her biggest joy was watching her grandchildren, whether it was on the football field, basketball court, baseball diamond, gymnastics, soccer fields or dance recitals, Mimi's smile would be bigger, and her eyes would shine brighter. In her leisure time, she loved Dancing With the Stars, American Idol, and always tuned in for any Ice Skating program.

She was a member of Pollard United Methodist Church, where she taught first grade Sunday School in the 70's. She was also a member of the Women's Symphony League.

Mrs. Hardiman was mostly recognized, loved, and respected by being the director of The School of Social Dancing between the years of the late 60's until 2007. Throughout the years, she touched many students throughout East Texas in her gentle ways in instructing them in social behavior and the practice of continuous, good manners that gave her students the self-confidence they needed and the love for dancing.

Mrs. Hardiman was preceded in death by her parents, Pauline and Robert Lehman Vandergriff, her son Kevin Hardiman and sister Joan Hudnall. What a glorious reunion this must be.

She is survived by her loving family including her husband, Bob; her daughter, Lisa and husband Jeff McDaniel of Whitehouse; sons, Dan and wife Sandra Hardiman of Tyler, David and wife Michele Hardiman of Cedar Park, TX and brother and sister-in-law, Bobby and Dianne Vandergriff of Tyler. Carolyn's greatest joy was being Mimi to her grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by Braden McDaniel and wife Aimee, of Homestead, FL, Brennan McDaniel of Lubbock, TX, Toni Robinson, Julia and Christina Hardiman all of Tyler, Brooke Hardiman of Ft. Worth, and Brandon Hardiman of Cedar Park. She is also survived by and beloved by her many nieces and nephews.

The family's sincere love and gratitude go out to Carolyn's caregivers, Janna, Lindsey and Crissy. To Hospice of East Texas, the family's sincere appreciation to all who came into their lives during such a difficult time.

Carolyn's family will have a memorial service in celebration of her life on Saturday, March 10th, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Lanny Bridges officiating in the Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, TX 75703. A private entombment will be held at Rose Hill Cemetery Mausoleum.

In lieu of flowers, desired memorials may be given to The Hospice of East

Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd, Tyler, TX 75701 or the Alzheimer's Alliance of Smith County, 211 Winchester Dr. Tyler, TX 75701

# Previous Events

## Mem. Service

MAR 10. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation and reception after service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Carolyn Hardiman



Stewart Family Funeral Home - March 10, 2018 at 02:59 PM



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Carolyn Hardiman



Stewart Family Funeral Home - March 07, 2018 at 06:09 PM

JB

*Such a sweet video.*

Janet Bryant - March 08, 2018 at 07:27 PM

SS

*Lisa, what a wonderful video! Your mom was always so sweet and so pretty. I have very sweet memories of her. The memorial service was beautiful. You and your family are so special to me, and to many. Much love to you all,  
Shelley Simpson  
John 14:2*

Shelley Simpson - March 23, 2018 at 12:17 PM

LM

“ *Loretta Martinez lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Hardiman*



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**Loretta martinez** - April 17, 2018 at 04:11 AM

AH

“ *I always loved Mrs. Hardiman. She was one of the sweetest ladies. Many blessing and prayers for the family. I know she will be greatly missed.*  
*Angie Hicks*

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**Ange Hicks** - March 10, 2018 at 03:01 PM

SH

“ *Such a great gal. Glad she came in Rob's life. Sorry she suffered so much. She did not deserve it, but we take life as it is given to us.*



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**Steve Hunter** - March 10, 2018 at 11:33 AM

JS

“ *Bob, Lisa, Danny, David and families, Carolyn was an absolute angel - always there for me and the rest of the Hudnall family. Carolyn , thank you for being our aunt, for your radiant smile, and teaching us how to dance. I know mom, Kevin, and all the others that preceded you were there to greet you with smiling faces when you entered the Kingdom of Heaven. 'Til we see each other again... "Ready, And..."*  
*Much love, Jill*

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**Jill Spain** - March 10, 2018 at 12:09 AM

CM

“ Carrie & Hud, Allison & Frank and Nick & Michael purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Carolyn Hardiman.



Carrie & Hud, Allison & Frank and Nick & Michael - March 09, 2018 at 12:44 PM



“ Garden of Serenity Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carolyn Hardiman.



March 09, 2018 at 12:35 PM

TL

“ The Parr Family - Mike, Kim, Ryan, Caitlin, Lauren purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Carolyn Hardiman.



The Parr Family - Mike, Kim, Ryan, Caitlin, Lauren - March 09, 2018 at 11:14 AM

LB

“ Love: Penney, Nanette, and Mysti (Tech Besties) purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Carolyn Hardiman.



Love: Penney, Nanette, and Mysti (Tech Besties) - March 08, 2018 at 05:06 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Carolyn Hardiman.*



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March 08, 2018 at 12:49 PM



“ *Carolyn was always so gracious and warm every time I saw her. She taught my sons in Social Dance, and she made everyone feel so at ease - a true gift! She had the best memory ever - she remembered these kids and their parents for years after their class session. What a beautiful, graceful lady - she leaves such a legacy to her family and all who knew her!*

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**Melinda Piper Ross** - March 08, 2018 at 11:39 AM



“ *I remember Carolyn from High School. Great person, wonderful smile and just nice to be around. My condolences to all of her family.*  
*Glenn Ab Walters*

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**Glenn Ab Walters** - March 08, 2018 at 09:24 AM



“ *I will always remember Carolyn's smile. She was the most gentle and sweetest soul I have ever known. Her unique voice and grace are my fondest memories of Carolyn.*

*Don Farish - 1st Cousin  
Denton TX*

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**Don Farish** - March 07, 2018 at 06:19 PM

GR

“ Carolyn was such a beautiful person on the inside, as well as on the outside. We were blessed to know her and will treasure wonderful memories of this sweet lady! Our thoughts and prayers are sent to her dear family.

*George Ann & Chris Reed*

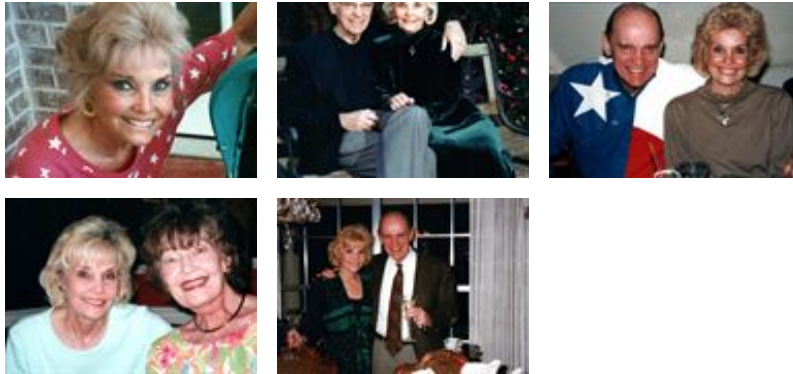
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**GEORGE ANN REED** - March 07, 2018 at 05:38 PM



STEWART  
FAMILY FUNERAL HOME

“ 96 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Stewart Family Funeral Home** - March 07, 2018 at 04:45 PM

CI

“ *Cousin Bill Iker purchased the Graceful Wreath for the family of Carolyn Hardiman.*



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**Cousin Bill Iker** - March 07, 2018 at 02:20 PM

CT

“ We will always remember Carolyn's elegance, grace and beauty. She was surely a gem to our family and just as beautiful on the inside as she was on the outside. Rest in peace my sweet cousin.



Cynthia Tribble - March 07, 2018 at 02:11 PM

MG

“ Loved Carolyn - she taught both my boys to "dance ?", but at least to be graceful!  
Will always remember her beautiful smile and singing in the choir at Marvin when I was first there. Her family were great friends of my grandparents and how my grandfather loved the Vandergriff girls.....sweet memories.

Mary Gammell - March 05, 2018 at 02:43 PM

JC

“ It is with sadness we send this message of loss. However, it is with joy knowing Carolyn will now have comfort and peace. Bob's love and devotion to Carolyn is a testament to how the world should be. It is without question that love ran deep between them. Whenever Bob would speak about Carolyn, his eyes lit up and you knew this was a woman who had captured his heart. Bob, we love you dearly. Know that the world gained another angel and you shall meet again. Love Jim, Amy & Aspen Cunningham



Jim Cunningham - March 04, 2018 at 03:35 AM

PB

“ *Pete Birdwell lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Hardiman*



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**Pete Birdwell** - March 02, 2018 at 02:24 PM

PB

“ *Carolyn is an Angel, recalled by the Lord to sit at his table. She is going to a place where the "Roses never fade." To the world, Carolyn was one person, but to Bob, she was the World. Finally, she can rest in Peace and Bob can continue knowing how lucky they both were to have found each other for so many years. God bless you both! Pete Birdwell*

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**Pete Birdwell** - March 02, 2018 at 02:23 PM