



Carolyn Richards

August 9, 1937 - October 20, 2011

Carolyn Nevell Roach Richards was born August 9, 1937, in Trinity County, TX to Frank K. Roach and Thelma Standley Roach. She died October 20, 2011 in Tyler, TX Carolyn Richards grew up in Lufkin, TX and attended North Texas State College, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Education in 1958. While at North Texas she was a member of the Chi Omega Sorority. In 1957 she met Richard T. Richards, Jr. at a fraternity mix. They were married in 1958. The first 12 years of their marriage Carolyn & Richard lived in Dallas, TX. She taught school for 3 years in the Dallas Public Schools. After her son Carter was born in 1960, she became a stay at home mom. Daughter Margaret was born in 1963. In 1971 the family moved to Farmington, MI, living there for 21 years. Upon her husband's retirement in 1991, they moved back to Texas, settling in the community of Horseshoe Bay. They lived in Horseshoe Bay for 16 plus years, enjoying retirement and making many wonderful and loyal friends. In 2007 they moved to Tyler to be closer to their children. Carolyn was an avid reader, an accomplished cook, and enjoyed spending time with her family. She loved her cookbooks and perusing the many recipes she could find in various magazines and newspapers. She was also very good at crossword puzzles and enjoyed putting puzzles together with her grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, Frank & Thelma Roach, sister Millie Ann Kolb, and granddaughter Katherine Jane Banta. Carolyn is survived by her husband, Richard of Tyler, TX, son Robert Carter Richards of Grand Prairie, TX, daughter and son-in-law Margaret & Jon

Banta of Tyler, TX, sister Marie Lankford of Denton, TX, grandchildren Ashly Nevell Banta of Addison, TX, Kristin Lee Richards of Grand Prairie, TX, and Rebecca Drew Richards of Grand Prairie, TX, niece Carol Ann and Nick Sample of Tyler, TX, niece Pamela and Jerry Phelps of Center, TX, nephew Richard and Karen Sutton of League City, TX, nephew Russell & Donna Sutton of Pearland, TX, nephew Jeff and Linda Lankford of Pollock, TX, niece Gail Masters of Galveston, TX, niece Mille Ann and John Reid of Denton, TX, and nephew David Kolb of Durango, CO, plus many great nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at Stewart Funeral Home in Tyler on Saturday, November 12, 2011, at 3:00 PM with Chaplain Mike Thomas officiating. A visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to East Texas Hospice Foundation, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, 75701 or online at www.hospiceofeasttexas.org.

Tribute Wall

CS

“ *The image of you blowing kisses from the driveway is forever etched in my memory. You were my idol, you took me to Read's for a coke and to see all your friends. You looked so stunning on the stage in the Miss Lufkin pagent. You and Richard were the most hip couple I knew, and your Christmas presents from Nieman's were the best. What a joy to have you so close these past few years. I love you and will miss you greatly, but you will always be in my heart.*

I love you, Cann

Carol Ann Sample - October 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Margaret you are in my prayers. I truly will miss Dear sweet Carolyn. All her thoughtful Birthday cards and hugs will be missed dearly. Carolyn Richards has been a part of my life for 26 wonderful years I will truly miss her beautiful smile and wonderful warmth. May God keep you in your time of loss.*

Bette Best - October 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Carolyn Richards*

Maggie Minchew (Mrs. Don V. Minchew) - October 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ *Margaret, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thought and prayers.*

Melanie Owen - October 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Margaret,

I am sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. I know words don't help much right now. Just know that you are in our thoughts and prayers and you and your family are in God's hands.

Sincerely,

Dawn Williamson

Dawn Williamson - October 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Margaret, You are in our prayers at this time of loss. We pray that you will receive daily encouragement from you strong faith in our LORD. If there is anything we can do for you or your family during this difficult time please let us know.

Just know that you are in our prayers. In Christian Love, Susan and Paul.

Paul & Susan Stephenson - October 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Your family is in my prayers.

Barbara Floyd - October 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ After more than fifty years, I still remember Carolyn so fondly. She was so popular in High School, always kind and friendly.

Sarah Lawrence Austin - October 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ I am so sorry to learn about Carolyn. If we can do anything, please let me know. I have sent the obit to her Lufkin High School classmates.

Janice Ann Rowe - October 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ We were so shock to hear of Carolyn's passing. She was a friend to all. What always impressed me was her caring nature. She was always there to help a friend in need, plus she was so good keeping in touch with friends in need after they moved away. When we lived in Horseshoe Bay I enjoyed socializing with her, seeing her at church and being in stock club with her. Our love and prayers to Richie and the whole family. She will be missed.

Carolyn Saunders - October 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ I was always remember the kind nature of Carolyn and the many recipes she shared with her daughter Margaret who in turn shared with her Nebraska friends. My favorite memory of Carolyn is the tip of the one finger that would just slightly stir her drink and then the tap on the edge of the glass - classic Carolyn! She will be missed - Blessings to all her family and friends as they remember her and mourn her loss.

Cassi Norton - October 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ To my wonderful, loyal, precious and forever friend...I've never been closer to anyone and I'll miss you tremendously... you beat me home.I love you, Janelle

Janelle Beckcom-Glass - October 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *I am so sorry to hear of her passing.*

Carolyn was always my friend. In fact, she was everyone's friend. She was kind, generous, and happy. and I remember that she was well liked.

I will pray for the family for peace and understanding and for the memories she left with them.

Robert Walker - October 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ *I am very sorry for your loss, I am praying for peace for you and your family. John 16:33*

Lyndsay Gilmer - October 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM