



Carolyn Ann Richbourg

December 1, 1939 - June 28, 2014

Services for Carolyn Ann Richbourg will be Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at Saint's Peter and Paul Chapel at 10:00 AM with Bishop Joseph Strickland and Bishop Edmond Carmody officiating. Burial will follow at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery under the direction Stewart Family Funeral Home.

The beautiful soul of Carolyn Ann Richbourg was called to heaven on June 27. Carolyn was devoted to her large family and her Catholic faith. She lived a life of kindness, giving of herself in ways small and large, in every part of her life.

Carolyn and her husband Vincent J. Richbourg were introduced by college roommates in 1961 while she attended Seton Nursing School in Austin. They were married in 1964, had eight children, and would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in October. She died peacefully on Friday evening, with her family gathered around her, at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, six months after being diagnosed with lymphoma.

Carolyn was a compassionate registered nurse who enjoyed interacting with patients. Her first nursing job had been at M.D. Anderson in 1961. She went on to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Kerrville, Texas, and after marriage worked at Mother Frances Hospital. For 17 years while raising her family, she did not work. Most recently she spent 14 years as the nurse for Dr.

Rodney Weisman in Whitehouse.

After retiring in 2004, Carolyn was a volunteer for seven years at Birthway crisis pregnancy center, and the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. At FitSTEPS for Life she was named Volunteer of the Year. Since 1967, she was a devoted member of Catholic Daughters of the Americas, serving six years as state District Deputy, 12 years as Regent (President) of Court #1288 Mary A. Drake, and as a member of many state committees.

Carolyn was happy, friendly and steady. Her uncontrollable and contagious fits of laughter will be remembered by all who knew her well. When at home, she most loved working outside, brightening every corner with flowers and expanding every bed to hold more. An annual trip to an Oklahoma river cabin with family and friends was a highpoint of her year for more than three decades. Three nights a week for the past 15 years, Carolyn and Vince would dance, country-western style, with a large and close-knit group of friends.

Carolyn brought countless blessings to her husband Vince and their children and spouses: Greg and Christy Richbourg of Tyler, Janet and Brian Windham of Midlothian, Judith and Ron Carnes of Tyler, Diane and Dan Webber of Houston, Kenneth and Rae-Ann Richbourg of Tyler, Alan Richbourg of Tyler, David and Ashley Richbourg of Midlothian, and Daniel and Janice Richbourg of Tyler. Beloved brother-in-law, Patrick Osborn, resides in Garland.

Carolyn and Vince have 10 grandchildren who adored the sweet, patient ways of their "Gran:" Bradley and Ryan Richbourg, Andrew and Joshua Windham, Grace, Samantha and Lily Webber, Caroline and Joseph Richbourg, and Thomas Richbourg. Another granddaughter, Isabel Ann Richbourg, will arrive in October.

Carolyn was born on Dec. 1, 1939, one of seven children to Mary Louise

Maurer Kunz and Theodore Kunz. Both parents are deceased. The Kunz children grew up in Kerrville, and her siblings and their spouses remain in the area. They are: Sidney and Jean Kunz, Marion and Kermit Strackbein, Vera Grona, Herbert Kunz, Andrew and Bernice Kunz, and Vernon Kunz. The family also includes many nieces and nephews and their children.

Pallbearers will be Carolyn's brothers Sidney, Herbert, Andrew and Vernon Kunz, sons-in-law Brian Windham, Ron Carnes and Dan Webber, and family friend Kevin Simpson.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, July 1, 2014 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Saint's Peter and Paul Chapel with a Rosary to follow at 7:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Carolyn's name to the Tyler Catholic School Foundation's Richbourg Family Scholarship Fund (or any TCSF fund of your choosing) or FitSTEPS for Life (Cancer Foundation for Life) in Tyler. Donations to TCSF may be sent to P.O. Box 131175, Tyler, TX 75713. CFFL donations may be sent to P.O. Box 8257, Tyler, TX 75711.

Cemetery Details

Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery

7825 South Broadway Avenue
Tyler, TX 75703

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Peter and Paul Chapel
1435 ESE Loop 323
Tyler, TX 75702

Rosary

JUL 1. 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Peter and Paul Chapel
1435 ESE Loop 323
Tyler, TX 75702

Funeral Mass

JUL 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Peter and Paul Chapel
1435 ESE Loop 323
Tyler, TX 75702

Tribute Wall

TM

“ *The Richbourg Family...I would like to express my sympathy in the the loss of Carolyn. She always greeted everyone with her smile during the 8am masses at the Cathedral. She will be missed by all...with that being said...remember this simple saying..."When someone you love becomes a memory...that memory becomes a treasure." and share those memories with everyone so that they can have treasures of Carolyn. Respectfully...Tony Maldonado*

Tony Maldonado - July 01, 2014 at 09:21 PM



“ *Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Carolyn Ann Richbourg.*



July 01, 2014 at 02:49 PM

WC

“ *Sending our sympathy to the Richbourg family from Kentucky. You all are in our prayers. Wendy Simpson- Campbell, Kaleigh and Nick Campbell*

wendy simpson campbell - July 01, 2014 at 02:05 PM

DD

“ 3 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Donna DeBoo - July 01, 2014 at 01:58 PM

JM

“ *John & I are so sad to hear of your loss. Last time I visited with you was at Cynthia's funeral & I so enjoyed your joy & love for God, each other, & your family. All of you are in our thoughts & prayers. Blessings,*
John & Jan Molstad

jan molstad - July 01, 2014 at 11:27 AM

MB

“ *David and Family my thoughts and prayers are with you. I hope "cherished memories" will help comfort you during this difficult time.*

Michelle Barber, Duncanville PD

Michelle Barber - July 01, 2014 at 09:35 AM

CK

“ *We were so sorry to hear about Carolyn - our thoughts and prayers to Vince and family. Carolyn was such a sweet, caring & loving person - she will be missed .*
Colleen & Eddie Kelly
Longview, Tx.



Colleen Kelly - July 01, 2014 at 12:26 AM

FD

“ Vince and family, please know of my love and prayers for all of you at this time. Grief is the price we pay for love. Its both normal and natural. But we allow and give her caring and gentle soul back to Christ our Saviour. He has triumphed over sin, suffering and death. So we trust His words Jn 10:10 May she rest in Christ's peace. I will pray for her at Holy Mass in Ireland this morning.
Fraternally in Christ,
Fr. Michael A. Doyle

Fr. Michael A. Doyle - June 30, 2014 at 11:15 PM



“ Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carolyn Ann Richbourg.



June 30, 2014 at 08:40 PM

LH

“ One of the sweetest ladies I have ever had the pleasure to meet. Our prayers are with her Family. Larry Howeth



Larry Howeth - June 30, 2014 at 07:57 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Carolyn Ann Richbourg.*



June 30, 2014 at 03:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carolyn Ann Richbourg.*



June 30, 2014 at 02:43 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Carolyn Ann Richbourg.*



June 30, 2014 at 01:45 PM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Carolyn Ann Richbourg.*



June 30, 2014 at 12:44 PM

SL

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sam & Nancy Lane - June 30, 2014 at 12:10 PM



“ Heavenly and Harmony was purchased for the family of Carolyn Ann Richbourg.



June 30, 2014 at 11:30 AM



“ America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Carolyn Ann Richbourg.



June 30, 2014 at 10:50 AM

AB

“ Carolyn was a wonderful and caring friend to us. We will miss the smile, the positive attitude, the way that she told stories about her family, the hugs and more. Prayers for strength to Vince and the children. Carolyn was beautiful inside and out. Love, Ann and Elliott Boyles

Ann & Elliott Boyles - June 30, 2014 at 05:43 AM

ML

“ Our thoughts, prayers and hearts and with Vince, her sons, daughters, son-in-laws, daughter-in-laws and grandkids as you go through this difficult time. Carolyn was a beautiful person. She will be truly missed by all. Ray and I feels blessed to have know her for al many years. She is with her heavenly Father and all the other angels. May God bless all of you.



Martha J. Lindblom - June 29, 2014 at 12:22 PM

BT

“ We are saddened to hear of Carolyn's passing. We have been so blessed to know her as our friend. She radiated peace and love to all of us that shared life with her. She will truly be missed. May her soul rest in peace in our Lord's loving arms.

Bernie and Larry Tures

bernie tures - June 29, 2014 at 07:14 AM

LM

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Carolyn was such a beautiful person. She surely is with our Heavenly Father, and all the Saints and Angels. Blessing to all of the family through this difficult time. May you feel Gods arms around you.
Larry & Arlene Murph

Larry & Arlene Murph - June 29, 2014 at 12:02 AM

RK

“ *Ray & Sherry Kent; Travis, Belinda, Rebecca & Megan Kent purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Carolyn Ann Richbourg.*



Ray & Sherry Kent; Travis, Belinda, Rebecca & Megan Kent -
June 28, 2014 at 04:45 PM

SK

“ *Carolyn was a loving mother to her children, but also to my daughter Rae-Ann - her DIL - and to my two grandchildren, Caroline and Joseph. Our thoughts, prayers, and hearts are with Kenneth and his dad, siblings, nieces, and nephews.*

Sherry & Ray Kent

Sherry Kent - June 28, 2014 at 04:35 PM