



## Carolyn Stagner

September 18, 1930 - March 29, 2017

Services for Carolyn Stagner, 86, of Tyler will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday April, 1, 2017 at Westwood Baptist Church, 820 NNW Loop 323, with the Rev. Ron Moore and the Rev. Tom Crawford officiating. Burial will be in Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery under the direction of Stewart Funeral Home.

Visitation is scheduled from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Friday, March 30, 2017 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway.

Carolyn died Wednesday morning at her home.

She was born on Sept. 18, 1930 in Dallas to Jewel and Jesse Rhodes of Van. She was a graduate of Van High School, Tyler Junior College and Southern Methodist University. Carolyn received her master's degree in Education from East Texas State University.

Carolyn spent her entire working career in education, teaching first in the Fort Worth Public Schools and then in the Tyler Independent School system. She taught at Pine Springs, Ramey and Rice Elementary schools a total of 40 years. She finished her career as librarian at Rice Elementary before retiring in 1993.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bob, with whom she shared a

marriage of almost 65 years; son-in-law, Stephen Boyd; and her parents.

Carolyn and Bob were long-time members of Westwood Baptist Church (formerly Queen Street Baptist). Her love of Christ and for her church was always a guiding constant in her life. She sang in the church choir and taught Sunday School for many years. They were both actively involved in the ministry of the church.

She was an avid sports fan and loved supporting her children and grandchildren over the years in their endeavors. She and Bob were faithful attendees at the College World Series for almost 30 years, as well as many Texas high school basketball State Championship tournaments. They both were long time supporters of Tyler athletics

Surviving Carolyn are two sons, Steve Stagner and wife Lisa of Austin and Stuart Stagner and wife Sue Ann of Irving; one daughter, Suzanne Boyd of Tyler; six grandchildren, Scott Boyd of Keller, Sheriann Peart and husband Seth of Flint, and Sara Boyd of Tyler; and Shannon and husband Chris von der Gruen, and Kassie and Jake Stagner, all of Austin; one brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Diane Rhodes of Tyler; a host of nieces and nephews as well as grandnieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Scott Boyd, Seth Peart, Chris Van Der Gruen, Jake Stagner, Scott Stagner and Kevin Stagner.

The family requests that memorials be made to Westwood Baptist Church, 820 Northwest Loop 323, Tyler, TX 75702.

# Cemetery Details

## Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery

7825 South Broadway Avenue  
Tyler, TX 75703

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 31. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

APR 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

Westwood Baptist Church  
820 N. Northwest Loop 323  
Tyler, TX

# Tribute Wall

KK

“ Carolyn welcomed me with open arms when I arrived at Rice Elementary in 1987. She helped me to navigate the TISD system, plus supported what I did with special needs gifted children. But more importantly, we were friends. Our lives became complicated with obligations with care taking but we could always pick up from where we had left off and go out for lunch and catch up! I will miss you, Carolyn!

Kaye Kraus - April 01, 2017 at 07:02 PM

PH

“ Mrs. Stagner's smile was one thing that could always be counted on at Rice Elementary. My sons and I remember her fondly. After her retirement, I enjoyed seeing the Stagners eating lunch together at numerous local restaurants. They are once again together-and if I had to guess, they are smiling.

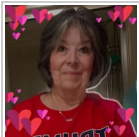
Pam Hicks - March 31, 2017 at 05:14 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Carolyn Stagner.



March 31, 2017 at 04:03 PM



“ Robert & family, growing up in Van, I remember Carolyn well. What a beautiful lady & a precious testimony to our Lord. Sending love & prayers, Shirley Blackstock Megason

Shirley Megason - March 31, 2017 at 03:57 PM

MW

“ I was a cheerleader with Carolyn when she was a senior at VHS. I have know her and her family all my life. Robert, you will likely remember me. I am so sorry for your loss. To the sons, I was in the class with Leslie in high school and of course, I knew your dad, Julius and your grandparents. Van is such a small town and it is easy to be friends with most who live there. Try to remember all the good times.

Mary Freeman Wheatley - March 31, 2017 at 01:17 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carolyn Stagner.



March 31, 2017 at 12:28 PM

DH

“ Duane and Mabyn Hager purchased the With De epest Sympathy Gift Basket for the family of Carolyn Stagner.



Duane and Mabyn Hager - March 31, 2017 at 12:25 PM

AF

“ Aaron and Matt Hager and Family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Carolyn Stagner.



Aaron and Matt Hager and Family - March 31, 2017 at 12:20 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Carolyn Stagner.



March 31, 2017 at 09:55 AM

PB

“ Carolyn and Bob welcomed me with love into their family many years ago. I always enjoyed watching Carolyn plan anything--a family dinner, a holiday, a vacation, or a party. She was a wonderful teacher and librarian, and I hope I have applied some of her love of children to my own school career. My heart goes out to everyone in the Stagner family. Much love, Penny Borges

Penny Borges - March 31, 2017 at 09:54 AM

TW

“ the Williams purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Carolyn Stagner.



the Williams - March 30, 2017 at 11:45 PM

SW

“ *That smile, laughter, sense of humor and love for people...eeveryone! She will be missed.*

Sue Williams - March 30, 2017 at 10:47 PM

BL

“ *Bill and Diane Loder purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Carolyn Stagner.*



Bill and Diane Loder - March 30, 2017 at 09:48 PM



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



March 30, 2017 at 06:31 PM

GT

“ *Gay Tyra lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Stagner*



Gay Tyra - March 30, 2017 at 04:59 PM

LF

“ Lisa Hamman and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Carolyn Stagner.



Lisa Hamman and family - March 30, 2017 at 04:33 PM

YI

“ Your Family at Innovative Risk Management, Inc. purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Carolyn Stagner.



Your Family at Innovative Risk Management, Inc. - March 30, 2017 at 04:30 PM

FT

“ From all of us at ACEC Texas-Austin purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Carolyn Stagner.



From all of us at ACEC Texas-Austin - March 30, 2017 at 04:16 PM

MD

“ Carolyn was a classmate during our high school days. However, she was more than that to me - a very dear and special friend. She was always kind and loving. She'll always have a special place in my heart. May the Lord give comfort and peace to each family member.

Margaret (Reaves) Douglas

Mim Douglas - March 30, 2017 at 01:33 PM

RC

“ *Such a dear, sweet lady. One of the first people I met when we moved to Tyler. She was my fifth grade teacher and made me feel welcomed. Later at church she and Mr. Stagner were the leaders in the college and career department where she had a further influence on my life. She will be missed dearly. Condolences to the family. Ron and Vicki Caldwell*

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**ron caldwell** - March 29, 2017 at 11:01 AM