



## Kathryn Louise Palmer Coburn

August 24, 1932 - March 1, 2025

Kathryn was born on August 24, 1932 in Edom, TX in the home of her parents, O.T. and Sadie Palmer during the Great Depression. She was their third child in what would eventually become nine. Her parents were sharecroppers and life was hard. It was no surprise when at the age of 15 she left behind her family and the fields to strike it out on her own in Dallas, TX. It was there she met the love of her life, Carlton Coburn, who like her was from a small town looking for work in the city. They married in 1950 when she was 17 years old and he 20 – a union that would last for 61 years. The new family lived and worked in Dallas until the military call came for Carl, who joined the ranks of the United States Navy. The two small-town kids found themselves in Maryland where Carl was assigned to the presidential retreat of Camp David under President Eisenhower and later aboard the presidential yacht, U.S.S. Williamsburg. After the military, they moved to Mesquite, TX where Kathy would become an elementary school teacher. For 26 years she taught mostly fourth grade at Shands Elementary in Mesquite I.S.D. Upon retirement they relocated to Tyler to be near family. Their home was a place for fun gatherings where food, laughter and the game of 42 passed the time. Kathy enjoyed her family and friends immensely. They joined Colonial Hills Baptist Church where Kathy would sing in Silver Notes – the choir for senior citizens. On Sunday mornings she could be found at the church doors serving as a greeter. Her beautiful smile and sweet disposition made everyone feel welcomed. She had a strong relationship with God throughout her life.

Services for Kathryn will be held Sunday, March 9, 2025 at 2:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Rev. Jason White Officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services.

Kathy was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brothers Ray Palmer and Shirley Dale Palmer, sisters Laverne Leavins and Mildred Felts.

Kathy will be forever cherished by her daughters: Deborah Coburn Jones and husband Dr. Jeffrey of Peachtree Corners, GA, and Cynthia Coburn Ogletree and husband Steve of Flint. She was "Nanny" to her five grandchildren: Lance Ogletree and wife Melissa, Stephen Ogletree and wife Dr. Manuela Ochoa, Dr. Ryan Ogletree and wife Lauren, Dr. Candace Jones and fiancé Christian Sepulveda, and Jason Jones. She is also survived by her precious five great grandchildren: Ainsley, Kallie, Elliot, Samuel and Benjamin Ogletree. Kathy is also survived by her sisters: Betty Phillips and Brenda Compton; brothers, Bobby Palmer and Ronald Palmer.

# Cemetery Details

## Rose Lawn Cemetery

2003 Blue Mountain Blvd.  
Tyler, TX 75703

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 9. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

MAR 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Kathryn Louise Palmer Coburn



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**Stewart Family Funeral Home** - March 05, 2025 at 05:26 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kathryn Louise Palmer Coburn.

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March 08, 2025 at 11:06 AM



“ Kathy & Carl Coburn, along with their daughters are a part of my earliest memories. We all attended 1st Assembly of God Church in Mesquite. I was 5 and my sister was 2....Debby & Cindy were our first babysitters! Kathy was one of many Christian public school teachers that I watched throughout my life and was a great influence in my life choosing to become a teacher myself! It wouldn't have been NYE if my parents were not playing 42 ALL NIGHT LONG with the Coburns, Hutchisons, Dockins, and the many more...only stopping at midnight to pray the new year in. I know that there is a wonderful reunion in heaven of old friends, including my own Mom. Our prayers are with our sweet friends Debby & Cindy and their families. Heaven gets sweeter everyday! Love from The Sanders Family!

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**Lori Sanders Malone** - March 08, 2025 at 06:30 AM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Kathryn Louise Palmer Coburn.



March 07, 2025 at 11:46 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Kathryn Louise Palmer Coburn.



March 06, 2025 at 01:40 PM



“ Mike & Tracy Goodman purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Kathryn Louise Palmer Coburn.



**Mike & Tracy Goodman** - March 06, 2025 at 12:16 PM



“ Mike & Tracy Goodman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathryn Louise Palmer Coburn.

**Mike & Tracy Goodman** - March 06, 2025 at 12:16 PM

JW

“ *What a sweet friend, Kathy. My deceased husband, Bob and I enjoyed many fun times with Carl and Kathy while attending Colonial Hills Church. Spoke with her just two weeks ago on the phone. That beautiful smile and personality made a room light up. She will be missed by so many loving friends but she is rejoicing with old ones who were waiting on her and especially Carl.*

Joanne Williams - March 05, 2025 at 08:46 PM

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“ *2 files added to the album Special moments*



Cynthia Ogletree - March 05, 2025 at 05:25 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kathryn Louise Palmer Coburn.*



March 05, 2025 at 04:52 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kathryn Louise Palmer Coburn.*

March 05, 2025 at 04:52 PM



“ 67 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Stewart Family Funeral Home** - March 05, 2025 at 03:39 PM

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“ *Kathy was a wonderful neighbor and friend. She was always so optimistic and fun to be around. She was an inspiration to me and many others. She was caring and giving and always had a smile on her face. I will miss you Kathy.*

*Mindy Lyons*

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**Mindy Lyons** - March 05, 2025 at 02:05 PM

JG

“ *Jack G. purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Kathryn Louise Palmer Coburn.*



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**Jack G.** - March 05, 2025 at 07:53 AM

JG

“ Jack G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathryn Louise Palmer Coburn.

Jack G. - March 05, 2025 at 07:53 AM

DE

“ Dale And Jackie Elam purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kathryn Louise Palmer Coburn.



Dale And Jackie Elam - March 04, 2025 at 03:45 PM

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“ Dale And Jackie Elam planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathryn Louise Palmer Coburn.

Dale And Jackie Elam - March 04, 2025 at 03:45 PM

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