



Lynne Short

October 16, 1937 - September 10, 2025

Clarissa Lynne Haycraft Short of Tyler, Texas, died peacefully on September 10, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. Lynne was born on October 16, 1937, in Washington, D.C., to Helen Virginia Collier and Sylvester Jolly Haycraft. She attended some of her elementary school years in Maryland. The Haycraft family moved to Dallas in 1942, where she attended Highland Park schools. Lynne graduated from Highland Park High School in Dallas in 1955. Following high school graduation, she attended the University of Texas at Austin and then the University of Texas Medical Branch Nursing School in Galveston. She met her husband, John, in Galveston. They were married on December 13, 1958.

The Short family lived in Galveston and Houston before entering the U.S. Air Force. The Air Force stationed the family in several places in Texas before John finally settled at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska. After John completed his commitment to the USAF, the family moved to Tyler in 1970.

Lynne had a love for cooking and found great joy in cooking and providing sustenance for others. She believed that her cooking was a gift of love and that she was creating community when sharing one of her fabulous meals! One of her first culinary groups was a Gourmet Supper Club at Elmendorf AFB, where couples got together and each couple created a course of a meal from a foreign country to share. Lynne's love of cooking led her to open The

Rolling Pin Gourmet Shop, which sold cookware, cookbooks, kitchen gadgets, and held cooking classes.

Lynne was a firm believer in supporting her community, being a servant leader, and supporting many local groups with her tireless commitment. When she first arrived in Tyler, she was involved with St. Andrew's Episcopal School and then All Saints Episcopal School. She was a member of Christ Episcopal Church, serving in various capacities, including Loaves and Fishes, Vestry, Episcopal Church Women, Altar Guild, Prime Timers, and cooking with much love for many church-related luncheons and Dinner with the Rector.

Her servant leadership continued in her support of the Smith County Medical Association Alliance (SCMAA) at both the local and state levels. One of her favorite activities at SCMAA was supporting The Book Fair, which raised money for scholarships for allied healthcare students. Lynne was president of SCMAA for two terms. The group honored her for her dedication and contributions by awarding her the Heart of Gold Award. Her community involvement did not stop there. She was also a board member of Parents' Anonymous and Heart of Tyler. Lynne also served her community by volunteering for the American Cancer Society for many years. She chaired Tyler's Annual Cattle Baron's Gala in 1995. Another endeavor that was dear to her was helping with the Chuck Wagon Gang and the Li'l Wranglers' gathering, held a few days before the Cattle Baron's Gala. This event honors children with cancer and their families.

Lynne was preceded in death by her husband, John G. Short, MD, in 2001, her brother John Haycraft, and his wife Steven.

In 2015, Lynne married Jerry Head. He has been her partner for the last several years in volunteering at Christ Church, matching her in energy and dedication.

Lynne is survived by her husband, Jerry Head, and her children (all of Tyler), Sandra 'Sandy' Short and husband Rick Henderson, John G. 'Jack' Short Jr., and wife Hope Short, MD, Kevin Short, MD and wife Kimber, Stephen Short and wife Belinda, and nephews Shannon Haycraft of El Paso(Lourdes), John Haycraft of Denver, Colorado(K.C.), and niece Carrie Haycraft Greer of Fort Worth(Paul).

Lynne was 'Nana' to five grandchildren: Hampton Short, Kenneth "Trey" Anderson III, and John Short III, each of Tyler; Andrew Short of Austin; and Emma Short of Chicago.

Jerry's two children, Bernadette Hackler (Kyle) and Nathan Head (Emily), and their six grandchildren were also very important to her. The Short family would like to thank Lynne's wonderful caregivers, Leatrice Johnson, Linda Tilley, Katie Johnson, Jessica Monroe, Stephanie Roberts, and Patricia Arroyo. Their dedication to caring for Lynne and treating her with the utmost dignity and respect is appreciated by us all. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Christ Church, 118 S. Bois d'Arc, Tyler, TX 75702 (<https://www.christchurchtyler.org>), or Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, Texas 75701(<https://hospiceofeasttexas.org>).

Visitation will be held at Stewart Funeral Home on Thursday, September 18, 2025, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Church services will be held on Friday, September 19, 2025, at Christ Episcopal Church downtown Tyler at 10:00 AM. A reception will follow at the church. Graveside services will be at Rose Hill Cemetery at 1:00 PM.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **18.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

SEP **19.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Christ Church Downtown
118 South Bois d'Arc
Tyler, TX 75702

Graveside Service

SEP **19.** 1:00 PM (CT)

Rose Hill Cemetery
2400 S. Donnybrook
Tyler, TX 75702

Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Lynne Short



Stewart Family Funeral Home - September 16, 2025 at 05:03 PM

MR

“ MIC radiologists purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lynne Short.



MIC radiologists - September 19, 2025 at 09:29 AM

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“ The Rhorers purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Lynne Short.



The Rhorers - September 16, 2025 at 07:32 PM

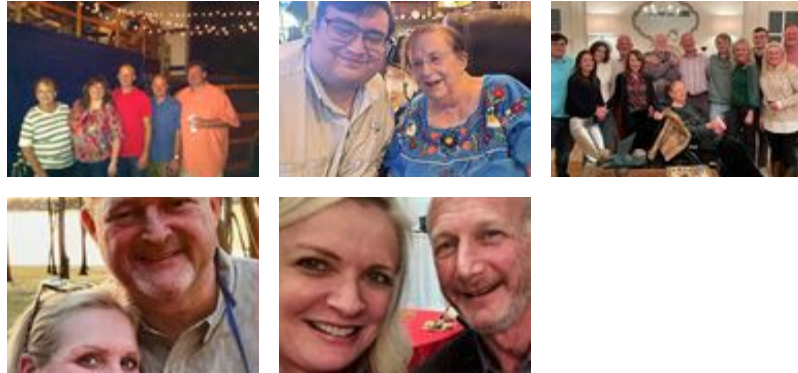
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“ The Rhorers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lynne Short.

The Rhorers - September 16, 2025 at 07:32 PM



“ 84 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - September 16, 2025 at 05:01 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lynne Short.



September 15, 2025 at 03:50 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lynne Short.



September 12, 2025 at 03:22 PM

JF

“ Tyler has lost another “Rose”.
Lynne shared her gift of kindness with everyone who came in contact with her, and that is a large group.
Seldom was “food” not the center of attention when Lynne was involved, she could really solve your appetite with a delicious spread.
Lake Tyler holidays will not be the same at the Short Stop, without more food than can be consumed.
Sandy, Jack, Kevin and Steve, you have some big shoes to fill.
Julia and Larry Foster

Julia and Larry Foster - September 12, 2025 at 02:49 PM

RM

“ Rhamy & Peggy Morrison purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Lynne Short.



Rhamy & Peggy Morrison - September 11, 2025 at 10:09 PM