



## Mary Martin

September 24, 1945 - January 31, 2008

Memorial Service for Mary Carolyn Martin, 62, of Tyler, is scheduled for 2:00 PM Sunday, February 3, 2008 at Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Jack Cox officiating under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mrs. Martin passed away on Thursday, January 31, 2008 at East Texas Medical Center in Tyler. She was born September 24, 1945, at the Methodist Hospital in Dallas to Mary McGrady Miller and Robert Lee Miller. Carolyn graduated from Van High School in 1964, attended Tyler Junior College, 1964-1966. She worked at Southern Methodist University, Texas A&M University, and Whitehouse I.S.D. Carolyn later retired from the University of Texas at Tyler after 18 years as an administrative assistant in the Dept. of Communication. Carolyn was a member of the Marvin United Methodist church and was a Brownie/Girl Scout leader, Sunday school teacher, Vacation Bible School leader, MYF sponsor, homeroom mother, and P.T.A. Member for several years. Her interests, besides being a mom and grandmother, were gardening, love of all animals (rescuer of many), selecting and sending "greeting cards" to friends and family, giving balloons to family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors until she became know as the "Balloon Lady", and she was a strong advocate of reading, especially teaching children to love reading. She also enjoyed movies, collected, watched, and re-watched them often. Mrs. Martin is survived by a loving family including her husband of 33 years, Tracy Martin of Tyler; daughter, Jana Casey and husband Jeff of Canton; parents, Mary and Robert Miller of Canton; brother , Michael Miller of

Canton; granddaughter, Taylor Casey of Canton; grandson, Ryan Casey of Canton; stepsons, Sammy and Pat Martin of Haslet, Mike Martin of Missouri, Stephen and wife Cheri Martin of Pollok; stepdaughters, Cindy and Rusty Roden of Pollok; nine step-grandchildren; five step-great grandchildren; one niece; one nephew; aunts; uncles; cousins; and beloved pets. For more information or to express condolences, visit [www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com](http://www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com).

# Tribute Wall

TF

“ Praying for friends to comfort you, faith to uphold you, and loving memories to help you smile again.

*With Sincerest Sympathy,*

*The Fritchers*

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**The Fritchers** - January 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ We will miss our dear Carolyn. All our love and prayers for Tracy, Jana and family, and the Millers.

*We love you all.*

*Meleissa and Abby*

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**Meleissa Hutcheson** - January 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *With sincere Sympathy.*

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**Mary Priest** - January 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ We send our sympathy, special friend hugs, prayers and love.

*Linda & Royce*

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**Linda & Royce Pelham** - January 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

FH

“ Our dear Carolyn (the balloon lady) never missed a birthday, anniversary or any special occasion. We know how much she will be missed by all her family, as she will be by ours. Our deepest sympathy to Tracy, The Miller's, Jana and all her dear family. Even our dog, Sunny, thought she belonged to him and she loved him like her own.

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**Faye Grigsby Halleck** - January 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Thinking of you Jana and Jeff. Your mom was truly the sweetest mom always!

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**Lara Pelham Hurley** - January 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ What a dear person Carolyn was and such a wonderful neighbor to my parents for the past 10 years. I feel privileged to have been one of the people that she entrusted the care of their dog, Walker, to. There will never be another like her--always thinking of others first (be it people or animals). We will miss you!

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**Elizabeth Harris** - January 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Jana, your mother was one of the loveliest people I have ever known. From Girl Scouts on, she was unfailingly kind and made everyone feel special. I know how hard you fought alongside her and how very proud she was of you and your family. We are thinking of you.

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**Mary-Olga Lovett** - January 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *Jana and family.  
Please accept my sympathy in the loss of your mom. Although I had not seen her for some time, I have many fond memories of her when you and Susan were younger. She was a good women and her happy smile will be missed by all who knew her. May God bless you at this time*

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**Jeanne Thompson** - January 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Jana, I was so sorry to hear about your Mom. I have such great memories of your Mom as our Girl Scout Leader. She always had such great arts and crafts....I still have a lot of them. I remember the camp out where we WALKED from Whitehouse to a camp near the lake, spent the night and then made fires inside tin cans the next morning and cooked our own breakfast ! At the time I just thought it was fun to be with my friends. Now that I am a mom I can appreciate both the time and effort it took, how we must have driven her crazy at times and how much patience and caring she had. She was always eager to see us, interested in the little stories of our lives and even years later she still thought of us as "her girls." She made a difference and she took the time to make a difference. I remember the special efforts she made when my Dad passed away. Please know she was a special part of my life and I am thinking of you guys as you remember her.*

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**Susan Dancer (Thompson)** - January 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *Jana, I am so sorry about your loss. I apologize for being able to attend the service, but know that our prayers are with you. The loss of my own Mom in October is still fresh on my heart and mind. If I can help in the coming days, please let me know. In Christ's Love,  
Bro. David*

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**David Wilkerson** - January 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Tracy and Family, I am so sorry to hear about Carolyn. She was a very nice and sweet person. My prayers and thoughts are with you. God Bless everyone of you. Patti

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**Patti Cunningham** - January 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

YT

“ Carolyn's Family,  
I loved Carolyn as everyone who knew her did. She was truly a Christian. I will miss her more than words can tell you.  
Carolyn was devoted to you. She did everything she knew to ensure your well being. She often expressed her love for her family and for God.  
I thanked Carolyn many times for the help she gave me. No one could have a more trusted friend.  
You have my utmost sympathy.

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**yvonne thrash** - January 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ No one who is remembered is ever truly gone... Carolyn touched so many lives in such wonderful ways. She will live on in our hearts and never be forgotten.  
We are so deeply sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*With love and deepest sympathy,*

*Christy, Terry and family*

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**Christy Jacobs** - January 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *Jana,*

*I was so stunned to hear about the passing of your Mom. I did not find out until after the funeral. My heart goes out to you as I know what a bond you and your mother had! She was the sweetest woman and was always such a supporter of you and your family! She will be greatly missed by so many people...and I know that you will be the one to miss her the most. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family during this very difficult time. May God bless you and your family in the years to come! Love you--Diana*

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**Diana Loft** - January 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM