



## Patricia Gayle Carlson Stovall

December 31, 1946 - February 24, 2025

On February 24, 2025, Patricia Gayle Carlson Stovall, known to all who loved her as “Trish”, passed into the arms of Jesus Christ, the Savior she adored, after a lengthy journey with Alzheimer’s dementia. She will be sorely missed by family and friends, but immeasurably celebrated in heaven, where “precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints”.

Trish was born to Sue and Alfred Carlson on December 31, 1946, a welcome tax deduction for her dad, who was a public accountant. She grew up just a few blocks from the University of Texas football stadium, where she spent many Saturdays in the end zone for home games. She graduated from the University of Texas in 1971 with a degree in medical technology.

On December 18, 1971, Trish married her dearest love, James Gregory Stovall (Greg), and embarked on the fulfillment of her heart’s deepest longings: to be a wife and mother. Behind her love for Jesus, Trish’s priority was always her family. This was no more poignantly demonstrated than when Greg announced his inclination to apply to medical school. Trish’s response: “you’re probably going to be very busy in medical school, so we need to have some more children!” And so God brought five children to the family over sixteen years.

Trish loved babies. She counted it a great privilege to nurse her babies any

time, day or night, reluctantly weaning her last of five at the age of 43. She also served as the director of the nursery during the early years of Bethel Bible Church. She counted it a great joy to care for the newborn of a first time mom, so the mom could attend church and worship with peace and confidence in her newborn's care.

Trish's home was the epitome of warm hospitality, and a frequent site for fellowship gatherings, holiday celebrations, showers and receptions. But nothing was more important than being the welcoming place for her children's friends. She made sure the kitchen was always available for treats such as finger Jello, caramel brownies, and sports drinks. In her spare time, she volunteered at the school library, created counted cross stitch art, and played competitive tennis, participating in five state and two national competitions.

Trish was a natural mentor without trying to be one. She was consistently surrounded by young women and young mothers, hoping to glean some timeless wisdom, which was readily dispensed with joy, humor, and encouragement.

Trish is survived by her immensely blessed husband of 53 years J. Gregory Stovall (Greg), her five children and their spouses: Benjamin and Kristen Stovall, Amy and Carter Delleney, Jeremy and Monique Stovall, David and Hannah Stovall, and Daniel and Brooke Stovall; her ten grandchildren: Avery and Reid Stovall, Grayson and Peyton Delleney, Jonah, Pippa, and Elliott Stovall, and Weston, Hayden and yet-to-be-named Stovall; and her sister Suzanne Sauer.

A celebration of Trish's life is planned for 11am March 1, at Bethel Bible Church, 17121 US HWY 69 South in Tyler with Rev. Ross Strader officiating. Flowers are welcome. If you prefer a memorial gift, the family is very thankful for the care and services of Alzheimer's Alliance of Smith County as well as

Hospice of East Texas.

Finally, if you have not contemplated a relationship with Jesus Christ, the Savior Trish adored, she would encourage you to do so. She would love to welcome you into His eternal kingdom when your time on earth is completed.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 1 (CT)

Bethel Bible Church  
17121 US 69 S  
Tyler, TX 75703

# Tribute Wall

LP

“ *My prayer of comfort is sent to this sweet family. My memories of tennis with Trish will always be special. She is a sweet, lovely treasure to anyone she met.*

Linda Pye - March 01, 2025 at 03:33 PM

CS

“ *Cory & Kaylee Smith purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Patricia Gayle Carlson Stovall.*



Cory & Kaylee Smith - February 28, 2025 at 04:47 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Patricia Gayle Carlson Stovall.*



February 28, 2025 at 09:37 AM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Patricia Gayle Carlson Stovall.*



February 27, 2025 at 09:09 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Patricia Gayle Carlson Stovall.

February 27, 2025 at 09:09 PM



“ Such a sweet tribute to a wonderful woman of God. Greg my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you celebrate Trish's life. Bill Reynolds

Bill Reynolds - February 27, 2025 at 06:33 PM



“ Barry and Julia Watts purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Patricia Gayle Carlson Stovall.



Barry and Julia Watts - February 27, 2025 at 05:24 PM



“ Wanda, Kelly, Tracy, and Jana purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Patricia Gayle Carlson Stovall.



Wanda, Kelly, Tracy, and Jana - February 27, 2025 at 03:38 PM



“ Joyce A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Gayle Carlson Stovall.

Joyce A. - February 27, 2025 at 10:47 AM

JA

“ Joyce A. purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Patricia Gayle Carlson Stovall.



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**Joyce A.** - February 27, 2025 at 10:47 AM

TL

“ Greg and family, reading the delightful words you chose to remember your beloved Trish, made me smile again and again. She grabbed hold of her God-given uniqueness and joyfully impacted countless lives of so many others as well as those within her own family. Thank you for sharing a few of your cherished memories with those of us who would have loved being her friend. As Heaven rejoices may each of you be hugged by Jesus.

*Toni Lanb*

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**Toni Lamb** - February 27, 2025 at 08:26 AM

RA

“ Rita and Clayton Allen purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Patricia Gayle Carlson Stovall.



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**Rita and Clayton Allen** - February 26, 2025 at 10:06 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Patricia Gayle Carlson Stovall.

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February 26, 2025 at 01:28 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia Gayle Carlson Stovall.*



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February 26, 2025 at 01:28 PM



“ *Christopher E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Gayle Carlson Stovall.*

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**Christopher E.** - February 26, 2025 at 01:14 PM



“ *Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Patricia Gayle Carlson Stovall.*



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February 26, 2025 at 11:23 AM



“ *Bill and Debbie Brown planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Gayle Carlson Stovall.*

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**Bill and Debbie Brown** - February 26, 2025 at 10:58 AM

BB

“ *Bill and Debbie Brown purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Patricia Gayle Carlson Stovall.*



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**Bill and Debbie Brown** - February 26, 2025 at 10:58 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Patricia Gayle Carlson Stovall.*



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February 26, 2025 at 09:12 AM

KS

“ *Kenny and Nevette Simpkins purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Patricia Gayle Carlson Stovall.*



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**Kenny and Nevette Simpkins** - February 25, 2025 at 09:08 PM

IC

“ *Inez Colley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Gayle Carlson Stovall.*

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**Inez Colley** - February 25, 2025 at 07:55 PM

IC

“ *Inez Colley purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Patricia Gayle Carlson Stovall.*



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**Inez Colley** - February 25, 2025 at 07:55 PM

MM

“ *What a beautifully written obituary. (Tears) She quickly became one of my favorites when sitting beside her in the alto section at GABC. Thank God for Jesus!*

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**Marjorie Moran** - February 25, 2025 at 07:32 PM

JR

*Trish was a kind and gentle soul. Heaven has gained a sparkling gem.*

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**Julian Redfearn** - February 28, 2025 at 06:35 AM

TC

*Greg, you and Trish have always had a special place in my heart for the blessing you have been to me and my family. I was so sorry to hear of Trish's passing. Y'all have been in my prayers many times over the years and especially after I learned of Trish's illness. May God's peace be with you and your family.*

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**Tom Craig** - March 04, 2025 at 11:57 AM