



Patsy Fisher

March 3, 1947 - June 5, 2011

Services for Patsy Arleen Fisher, 64, of Bullard will be held on Wednesday, June 8th at 1:00 pm at the West Erwin Church of Christ, where Patsy was a member. Jay Lockhart will officiate with Jim Heath assisting. Burial will be at the Pine Crest Cemetery in Troup under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler. The family will receive visitors on Tuesday, June 7th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, 75703. Patsy went home to be with her Lord on Sunday, June 5th, after a fourteen month battle with cancer. Patsy was an educator and counselor in East Texas schools for 44 years, starting her career at Elkhart and Westwood ISD's. She then began a 20 year stint with Tyler ISD, teaching Honors English at John Tyler High School, serving as school counselor at Hogg Middle School, and returning to John Tyler as a counselor. Her years of service in Tyler were followed by a move to Lindale ISD where she spent the next 21 years. While at Lindale, Patsy served as High School Counselor, Lead Counselor, grant writer, and District Director of Counseling. Having worked under four principals, she was described by Assistant Superintendent Jamie Holder as the rock that held Lindale H.S. together during those transitions. "Patsy truly had a servant's heart and her impact on the students of the Lindale community will be greatly missed. She was truly a hero in public education." Patsy was also well known throughout the East Texas community of counselors, serving as President of the Piney Woods Counselors' Association in 1999 – 2000. She was selected as Piney Woods' Counselor of

the Year for the 1995 – 1996 school year. Patsy graduated from Troup High School in 1965. She received both her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from Stephen F. Austin State University and later earned her LPC license in order to counsel in the private sector. Patsy was born in Jacksonville on March 3, 1947, to R.J. and Navoleine Roddy. She was preceded in death by her father. On June 1, 1968, she married Alan Woods Fisher. She is survived by her husband of 43 years; her daughter, Amy Buwalda and grandchildren, Brett and Tanner Buwalda of Allen; her mother, Navoleine Roddy of Troup; two sisters and their husbands, Rita Jo and Dwade Reinsch of Mesquite and Becky and Dennis Mays of Selma, NC; as well as a brother-in-law Wayne Fisher of Tyler; two sisters-in-law and their husbands, Audrey and Don Robinson of Chandler, Arizona and Sharon and Bob Slayden of Flint; five nieces and nephews, and a host of extended family and friends. Pallbearers will be Keith Bailey, Alan Barnes, Marshall Burkett, Jamie Holder, Charles Parmley and Dwade Reinsch. Memorials may be made in her memory to Hospice of East Texas or the West Erwin Church of Christ Benevolence Center. The family would like to thank the many people who supported Patsy and Alan throughout her illness. They are especially grateful to Alice Hudson, her in-home health care provider, and the nurses and staff at Hospice of East Texas for the compassionate care they provided her.

Tribute Wall

SP

“ Aunt Patsy,

I feel so blessed that you are watching over me and Bella Grace, and that she got to meet you even just the one time. I cherish the memories of being at your house on Christmas day, playing chicken foot at the kitchen table and learning the rules of etiquette from you. Praise the Lord you've won your battle and are with Granddaddy. All my love!

Sara Price - June 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *I will always miss sitting at the kitchen table talking and having coffeew with you. WE will make sure that Harper hears all about Aunt Patsy.*

We Love You and will Miss you Greatly.

Matt Mays - June 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. we are sorry for your loss, but we rejoice in that Patsy is free from the painful limitations of this world. We love you all.*

Lennie Reagan - June 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ I was so sorry to see Patsy's obituary today. When I joined the counseling staff at Lindale ISD in 2003, Patsy was such an inspiration to me. She was truly one of the most kind and compassionate individuals I have ever had the pleasure of meeting. She welcomed me with open arms, and I thoroughly enjoyed the time I spent working as a counselor in the Lindale school system. Patsy loved her profession and the many students who crossed her path. What a lady! Patsy, may you rest in peace.

Linda Davis - June 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ I am so sad to read in the newspaper OB's today that Patsy passed away. We were old friends at Troup Elementary. I moved to Tyler after the death of my father in 1960, but our paths crossed again at SFA and later in the Tyler area on occasion. Patsy was always the most wholesome person I ever met. She was so sweet and good-natured, a person who you never heard a bad word come from her mouth. She always had a smile on her face. I know she was an inspiration to the students who were fortunate enough to have been in her care. She was an inspiration and a joy to all who knew her.

Linda Birdwell Bice - June 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Patsy,
You were a wonderful person who always treated me like a daughter. You will always be remembered for your kindness and good heart. Your body may be gone, but your spirit and love will live on forever! Tell my mom "Hello" for me and I'm sure you will be great friends, just like your daughter and I are!!
Angels are God's BEST gift to us here on earth.

Love Always,
Stephanie and Brian

Stephanie Dixon and Brian Deeken - June 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Dear Friends,
Know that all of the Abshires are thinking of you during this difficult time. We will be praying for you both now and in the days ahead.
We will all be together again.
The Abshires
John
Yvonne
Michelle
Chris
Laura
Lucille Horn

John, Yvonne, Michelle, Chris, Laura Abshire - June 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ *The spring semester of my senior year at Elkhart High School a beautiful and gracious young teacher began her teaching career and her name was Patsy Fisher. I was lucky enough to have her as my teacher for one semester. Since I was going into the field of education, Patsy was an inspiration to me. Through the years as I worked in Tyler ISD I was able to keep in touch with Patsy. God bless Alan and the Fisher family - Patsy was a wonderful lady!* Linda Easley Lamberth

Linda Easley Lamberth - June 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ *IT HAS BEEN A LONG, HARD BATTLE THAT PATSY FOUGHT ALONG WITH EACH OF YOU.*

MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH EACH OF YOU AT THIS TIME.

*PLEASE KNOW THAT WE ALL CARE.
IN HIS LOVE,
LADELLE*

La Delle W Tuley - June 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ *We are very sorry for your loss, pray God will give you comfort.*

Tommy and Roma Lee Aberegg - June 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM