



Tommye Cowan

February 14, 1931 - November 13, 2011

Services for Tommye Lawrene Cowan, 80 of Tyler, will be held on Thursday, November 17, 2011 at 2:00 PM at Glenwood Church of Christ with Dr. John Harrison and Reggie Howell officiating. Burial will be held at Manchester Cemetery on Friday, November 18, 2011 under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mrs. Cowan passed away November 13, 2011 at Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler. She was born February 14, 1931 in Jacksboro to Lawton and Edith Whitsitt Faires. Mrs. Cowan was a member of Glenwood Church of Christ. She graduated from Abilene Christian University in 1952 with a Bachelor of Music Education as Honor Girl of her graduating class and was named among Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges. She was a member of Cadettes Social Club, C.S.O., President of the W Club, was a member of the ACU band and she sang with the ACU Acapella Choir. Following graduation she was selected as community ambassador from Abilene for The Experiment in International Living program. With this group she traveled and lived for a short time in post-war Germany, reporting her experiences to the Abilene Reporter News. Upon return to the U.S., she taught music in elementary school in Abilene and Midland. She married Seth B. Cowan, M.D. in Zurich, Switzerland on October 11, 1956 and after a Bavarian honeymoon, lived in Izmir, Turkey where her husband was a medical officer in the USAF. They returned to the US and lived in Colorado City, Texas where their daughters were born. They moved to Garland in 1962. In Garland she was president of the Garland Music Club, a member of the board of

Community Concerts and New Beginnings Center and a devoted volunteer. Mrs. Cowan and her husband recently retired to Tyler. She is survived by her loving family including her husband of 55 years, Seth Cowan; children, Cathy Howell and husband Reggie of Tyler, Elizabeth Cowan Reynolds of Edmond, OK and Lauren Sloan and husband Mike of Oklahoma City, OK; brother, Bill Faires and wife Jean of Hempstead; and grandchildren Jarrod Howell and wife Kristen, Tyler Howell, Kate Reynolds Pattillo and husband Mark, Jonathan Seth Reynolds, Caroline Sloan and Emma Jane Sloan. Visitation is scheduled from 6:00 –8:00 PM on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler. If desired, memorials may be made to Abilene Christian University Music Department, ACU Box 29132, Abilene, TX 79699-9132.

Tribute Wall

IM

“ *Dr Cowan Sandy and I just learned about this very sad news today. It's been a while but I have precious memories of the time you visited with us in New Orleans. I hope you get this message we love you.. Ingrid and Sandy McCall..*

Ingrid McCall - March 07, 2021 at 02:45 AM

GS

“ *Seth, my heart is heavy for you as well as Cathy, Elizabeth, Lauren and their families. Tommye had such a sweet spirit and was one of the most kind, gentle, soft spoken women I've ever known. I have many fond memories of her. I pray that your precious memories of her will bring you comfort today and in the days ahead. Thoughts and prayers are with you all.*
Love, Grace

Grace Abston Simpson - November 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Seth, our prayers are with you and your family. So sorry to get the news about Tommye. Remember visiting with her when she was bedridden with your oldest daughter. She was such an outstanding lady. Also, remember your examining our daughter when she was born. Thankful for both of you, for your lives and influence on so many.*
In Him,
James and Janet Wesson

James and Janet Wesson - November 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ Have so many wonderful memories of your Mother I am so thankful that I was able to go see you parents not many months ago. They were so happy in their new living quarters. enjoy all the wonderful memories that all of you have. My prayers are with you all.

glenna langford - November 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ Seth, you both are "beloved" people in our lives. We feel the loss of Tommye, we pray for God's comfort in your life, in whatever ways that can come as you watch the one you most love depart and go home to be with our Father. We send you a heartfelt hug. We pray for God's richest blessings to meet every need you have in these moments.
We love you.

Rod and Linda Nealeigh - November 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Seth, our prayers are with you and your family. We are grateful for Tommye's life and what she means and has meant for so many people. May the God of all comfort provide all of the family with great peace at this time of loss. May you also celebrate and claim the victory Tommye has lived a lifetime to gain!

Jay and Sherry Jarboe

Jay Jarboe - November 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ I met Tommye when I became Dr. Cowan's first medical office employee in Garland. I had just graduated from GHS and worked that summer for him. They were both so nice to me and encouraged me to go on to college which I did and became a Dental Hygienist. I admired both of them very much. I begged Dr. Cowan to let me stay and work in the office but he would not hear of it and between him and Tommye and my mother they gently pushed me onto college. I have always held fond memories of that time. Thank you Dr. Cowan and Tommye.

Susan Tidwell Wilburn

Susan Tidwell Wilburn - November 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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