



## Carolyn Barnes

February 28, 1919 - August 29, 2020

Carolyn Barnes went home to be with Jesus on August 29, 2020 in Corsicana at the age of 101.

She was born on February 28, 1919 in Corsicana to Jess and Carrie Megarity. She had one brother, Elden Megarity.

Carolyn graduated from Corsicana High School in 1937. She married Lyman Barnes in 1944. They were married for more than 49 years.

Carolyn was a very talented pianist and organist. She gave piano lessons for over 60 years and played at St. Luke's United Methodist Church. She enjoyed playing at the Seventh Day Adventist Church for many years where she was a member. As a youth, she studied piano at the Marie Waltman School of Music. She also attended Hill Community College for one semester.

For many years, Carolyn played the piano for the Rotary Club. She is in The Piano Guild Hall of Fame.

Carolyn is survived by sons Darrell and Lyman Barnes, Jr. of Corsicana and Randall Barnes of Phoenix, Arizona. In addition, she has a niece, Melissa Miller, and nephew, Denny Megarity, as well as countless friends and piano students who have fond memories of her.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00am Saturday, September 12, 2020 at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home Chapel with Stephen McElroy, chaplain of New Century Hospice, will officiate. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Carolyn's life. The family would like to thank the staff at Heritage Oaks for all they have done for her over the years as well as New Century Hospice for

their compassionate care in the final days of her life.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

900 North 19Th Street  
Corsicana, TX 75110

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

SEP **12.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana  
1530 N. 45th Street  
Corsicana, TX 75110  
(903) 874-4774  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Carolyn Barnes*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *We always smile when we remember Carolyn's faithfulness and flamboyant piano playing. Her talent will be remembered by so many people and she passed her love of music to her son's. May her faith be your inspiration and comfort.*

**Gary and Irene Herr** - September 21, 2020 at 08:37 AM



“ *I knew Ms. Barnes for many years growing up in church. If not for Ms. Barnes, I would have grown up believing that worship had to be boring.*

*From a young age she taught me that time is always fleeting, so even when the time doesn't seem right, stand up and shout "I love you all! Pray for me!" Just like Ms. Barnes always did.*

*Without a single word, she taught me that if God gives you a talent, you've got to use it. Even if it causes others to have to wait.*

*And Ms. Barnes taught me that when you see the Holy Spirit moving, you just have to shout out "Whoopee!"*

*Ms. Barnes will be missed, but her voice still echoes in her church, in her piano, and in the hearts of everyone who had the blessed privilege of knowing her.*

*God be with you till we meet again.*

**Antonious Restom** - September 12, 2020 at 08:32 AM

BF

“ *Randall, You and your brothers are in our thoughts and prayers. I have many fond memories of happy times at Navarro. May you feel God's loving arms around you. Bobbie Pillans Fondren*

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**Bobbie Fondren** - September 10, 2020 at 05:01 PM

DG

“ *I write on behalf of the Seventh-day Adventist Church of Corsicana as I am unable to attend her service due to scheduling conflicts. Carolyn was always a big blessing to our church family! Our people loved her very much! She not only could play the piano in amazing ways, she always brightened the whole service with her uninhibited expression! As her mind began to fail and the doxology would sometimes conclude with ragtime...we all with joy suppressed our laughter! Carolyn loved to pray. When we'd have seasons of prayer we could almost double the length of the service with her prayer alone. It was clear how much she loved God. We all look forward to seeing her again in God's kingdom! We pray God's comfort for her dear family at this time. May she now according to God's Word, rest from her labors and arise at the sounding of the trumpet call of Christ in the resurrection of faithful saints.*

*Keep Looking Up!*

*Dan & Suzie Gleason*

*pastor, Corsicana Seventh-day Adventist Church*

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**Dan Gleason** - September 09, 2020 at 12:57 PM

MK

“ *She will forever be missed. Her piano fingers always brought such joy to our hearts. We loved her sweet, kind and loving spirit! And her laughter would make us laugh!! God be with the family. May she rest in peace.*

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**Michael & Michelle Kennedy** - September 05, 2020 at 05:01 PM

JB

“ *Judy Brown lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Barnes*



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**Judy Brown** - September 05, 2020 at 02:15 AM

KB

“ *42 years ago this amazing woman taught me piano lessons Mrs Barnes,I will truly miss you so spread your beautiful wings and fly high until we meet again.*



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**Kathy Benton** - September 05, 2020 at 12:58 AM

DD

“ *Randall, my heart is with you. She was one of our favorite Mom's. So sweet and a heart of gold. Love ya my friend. Debra Dunagan*

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**Debra Dunagan** - August 31, 2020 at 10:26 AM

RB

*Thanks so much!*

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**Randall Barnes** - September 04, 2020 at 04:54 PM



*Randall - Please know that you and your family are being remembered in both thought and prayer.*

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**Marinelle Szenasy** - September 04, 2020 at 07:35 PM



Jody  
Garland

“ *Dear Sweet Caroline! Rest in peace but find a piano as fast as you can! Thank you for all the years of wonderful music. Love, Jody Garland*

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**Jody Garland** - August 30, 2020 at 04:14 PM