



Carolyn Jane Pillans

April 7, 1947 - September 12, 2025

Carolyn Jane Pillans peacefully entered the arms of Jesus on Friday, September 12, 2025, after a courageous battle with leukemia. She was born April 7, 1947, in Corsicana, Texas, to Nathan Hampton Elliott and Dana Rose Arnett Elliott.

Carolyn spent her childhood years in east Texas where her father worked for United Gas Company for many years. When she was 16, he passed away unexpectedly so she, along with her mother and sisters, moved back to Corsicana to be close to family. She graduated from Corsicana High School in 1965, and shortly after, she attended classes at Navarro College. She would often say that she took about every class they had to offer at the time. She worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and then Liberty Mutual Insurance. She met Gary Myrle Pillans before he left for Vietnam. Gary was severely injured in the war, but she remained strong until his return to the States and throughout his recovery. They married on August 13, 1971 and moved into the home that they built. They raised three children there. As long as she was able, she worked faithfully beside Gary at their now 53 year old business, B & G Auto Parts. She was known for her unwavering dedication to organization and meticulous bookkeeping skills.

Carolyn was a member of First Baptist Church of Corsicana, where for many years she could be found in the family's usual spot on Sunday mornings and

evenings—four pews back in the right front section, sitting with Gary and her kids. Her life was marked by a steadfast love for the Lord and her family, service, and creativity. She was gifted with elaborate sewing skills and a keen eye for detail. She was able to make just about anything, and she loved to quilt when she found the time. As a devoted mother, she poured her heart into everything she did-- making clothes for her children, volunteering at their schools, ensuring they were always at church, and no matter what, she always had supper on the table at 5:30. She and Gary also opened their home to several foreign exchange students who became their family, as well, throughout the years. Later, she shared the same love and dedication to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren who knew her as “Momo”.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Nathan Elliott and Dana (Elliott) Bonner; step-father, Lowell Bonner; and daughter, Laurie Ann Pillans Horn. Survivors include her husband, Gary Myrle Pillans; daughter, Cindy Black and husband, Stanley; son, Brian Pillans and wife, Danielle; grandchildren, Holly, Brooke, Nathan, Drew, and Riley Pair, Ryan and Hunter Pillans, Addie Burke, Ashley Horn Cunningham, and Tommy Horn; great-grandchildren, Keegan and Konner Dozier, London Norris, Cadence, Caleb, and Corbin Bancroft, and Brynlee, Easton, and Weston Horn; sisters, Georgia Elliott and Tina Pilkinton; aunt, Joann Tomlin; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and friends.

Visitation will be from 6-8pm Sunday, September 14, 2025, at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Funeral service will be 10am Monday, September 15, 2025, at First Baptist Church of Corsicana with Bro. Jeff Fitzhugh officiating. Burial will follow at St. Elmo Cemetery in the Winkler-St. Elmo community with graveside service officiated by Bro. Charles Grasty.

Pallbearers will be Nathan Pair, Drew Pair, Riley Pair, Ryan Pillans, Hunter Pillans, Jesse Hodges, Brian Jennings, and Adam Minze. Honorary

pallbearers are Steve Andrus, Mike Brashear, Kevin Eubanks, and Robert Thurston.

The family would like to thank all who have prayed incessantly for Carolyn and her family throughout the past few years. Her legacy of love, service, and devotion lives on in the lives of those that she leaves behind.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. And now the prize awaits me-- the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of His return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to His appearing. 2

Timothy 4:7-8

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her name to the Hope Center, Hamilton-Beeman Cemetery PO Box 606 Corsicana, Texas 75151, St. Elmo Cemetery PO Box 215 Streetman, Texas 75859.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **14.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana
1530 N. 45th Street
Corsicana, TX 75110
(903) 874-4774
info@griffin-roughton.com

Funeral Service

SEP **15.** 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
510 West Collin
Corsicana, TX 75110

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Carolyn Jane Pillans.



September 15, 2025 at 09:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carolyn Jane Pillans.

September 15, 2025 at 09:13 PM



“ *My mother and Carolyn's mother are daughters of Frank and Lena Arnett. We are blessed to still have our Aunt Joann with us at 90 years of age. These women were strong in their faith and shared that in the leadership of their families. Carolyn was quiet, so when she had something to say it was important. She led her family to love the Lord and be of service to others.*

A few months back we had a time together, just she and I. I will treasure that visit and look forward to the best family reunion with our Heavenly Father at the head of the table.

Frankie Whisenant - September 15, 2025 at 01:01 PM



“ *Jennifer W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Jane Pillans.*

Jennifer W. - September 15, 2025 at 10:47 AM

TF

“ *The Rutherford family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Carolyn Jane Pillans.*



The Rutherford family - September 14, 2025 at 02:07 PM

MF

“ *Moses family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Jane Pillans.*

Moses family - September 13, 2025 at 04:51 PM

MF

“ *Moses family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Carolyn Jane Pillans.*



Moses family - September 13, 2025 at 04:51 PM

KN

“ So sorry to hear of Carolyn’s passing. I know she fought for a long time through her illness Journey!! She’s healed and rejoicing in her perfect home now. She left you all with wonderful memories! She was such a giving person and when we lived in Corsicana she was always doing special things for me. We had fun times when Ramon went to Mildred. I have good memories of her too. Cling to those memories and may the Lord continue to give you all the peace and comfort that He can only give.
Your friend,
Kristi Nelson

Kristi Nelson - September 13, 2025 at 02:29 PM

RF

“ Ramon Lopes and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Jane Pillans.

Ramon Lopes and family - September 13, 2025 at 11:46 AM

RF

“ Ramon Lopes and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Carolyn Jane Pillans.



Ramon Lopes and family - September 13, 2025 at 11:46 AM

EF

“ *Edgar Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Carolyn Jane Pillans.*



Edgar Family - September 13, 2025 at 11:26 AM

EF

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Edgar Family - September 13, 2025 at 11:26 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carolyn Jane Pillans.*

September 13, 2025 at 10:26 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Carolyn Jane Pillans.*



September 13, 2025 at 10:26 AM

FS

“ From Ray & Mary Stuart purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Carolyn Jane Pillans.



From Ray & Mary Stuart - September 12, 2025 at 10:40 PM

SK

“ This is Shelly Matthews Kendall sending condolences out to the family sorry for your loss may God bless and keep those close to her and keep her in your heart

shelly kendall - September 12, 2025 at 10:22 PM

PK

“ Oh the many ways she helped me with a sewing problem. I miss talking with her in my shop. RIP. Prayers for the family



Patricia Kelly - September 12, 2025 at 09:22 PM

LG

“ So sorry, Georgia, for a loss. I did not know until now. Rest in peace

Lou Ann Guthrie - September 12, 2025 at 04:50 PM

CA

“ Big hugs and big prayers to the family and friends of Carolyn Pillans. 🙏💜



Cordelia Albritton - September 12, 2025 at 03:20 PM

PT

“ Carolyn was a true blessing for Mr. Pillans. I loved that she was able to keep him straight on so many levels. She was very talented. They made a beautiful family together. I will miss her. Lifting all of you in my prayers.

Pamela Thomas - September 12, 2025 at 03:12 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Carolyn Jane Pillans.



September 12, 2025 at 12:45 PM



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