



Carolyn (Carroll) Vinson

August 12, 1945 - October 25, 2012

Carolyn Carroll Vinson, 67, went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on October 25, 2012 after her battle with cancer.

Carolyn was born August 12, 1945 to W. E. (Sam) Carroll and Lorraine George Carroll. She was a longtime resident of Blooming Grove. She was a devoted and loving wife, sister, aunt and great aunt.

At age five, she was a victim of polio. After several years of surgeries and therapy, she was confined to a wheelchair. Even though she was not physically strong, she graduated as valedictorian in 1963 from Blooming Grove High School. She attended Navarro College for two years and then convinced her parents that she could stand the pressure and obstacles of a four year college and living away from home. She graduated from UTA with a bachelor's degree degree in English. After graduating from UTA, she received her masters degree in library science from North Texas State University. In the fall of 1969, she moved to Houston to be the head cataloger at Harris County Public Library. That job only lasted 7 months due to salary being too low to pay for her needed necessities. She returned home in the spring of 1970. Since there were no openings for librarians in Corsicana, she decided to teach English and history at Collins Middle School.

Carolyn always wanted to feel independent. After the coaxing of one of her students, she decided to drive herself to work. For her the best expression for her independence was driving her van. She loved the feeling of power while driving.

In 1983, Carolyn became the librarian at Blooming Grove School. After serving that position until 2000, she retired to spend time reading, watching movies, swimming, and spending time with her nieces and nephews. She also volunteered at the Blooming Grove City Library and the B.G. Historical Society.

During her thirty years in the public school system, she touched the lives of many students and friends. Carolyn once said: "As any woman, I want to have a home and family. But if God does not want that for me, He'll give me the strength to be content in whatever status I'm in. And as long as I am able, I want to be with people and spread my own kind of joy and sunshine."

On June 26, 2004, Carolyn married Tommy Vinson. They shared the last eight years enjoying their animals: Jack, Sassy, Onyx, Tiger and Baby Blue and the companionship of each other.

She was preceded in death by her parents Lorraine and Sam Carroll.

Survivors included her husband , Tommy Vinson; her brother and sister in law, Bill and Jerri Carroll of Carrollton; sister and brother in law, Mary Frances and Ron Waldrip of Corsicana; and other beloved family members and friends.

Visitation will be 6-8 pm Saturday, October 27, 2012 at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Funeral service will be 2 pm Sunday, October 28, 2012 at Central Baptist Church in Blooming Grove with Darren Heil, H. Edward Ricks and Gordon Griffin officiating. Burial will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be David Vinson, Bob Keasler, Raymond Prestidge, Wade Carroll, Will Carroll, Josh Waldrip and Justin Waldrip.

The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to Family First Hospice and Carolyn's caregivers over the past several years, especially Shannon Morris and Debbie Lovett, devoted friend and caregiver.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Central Baptist Church, the Ruth Ramsey Scholarship, the Blooming Grove Historical Society, ASPCA, or the American Cancer Society.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

300 Rose Hill Road
Blooming Grove, TX 76626

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **27**. 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

Service

OCT **28**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Central Baptist Church
221 South Fordyce Street
Blooming Grove, TX 76626
(903) 695-2271

Tribute Wall



“ Carolyn (Carroll) Vinson

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ Carolyn was a bright ray of sunshine. She always had an infectious cheer in her voice with such optimism. I'm so blessed to have had the opportunity to spend time with this lady wonderful lady. Her help at the library was invaluable! She inspired me in so many ways and her joy was contagious. I pray that God's perfect peace console all that Carolyn knew.



-Hollie Simmons

Hollie Simmons - October 28, 2012 at 09:09 AM



“ *This planet has lost one of the best and most memorable teachers of all time and heaven is now home to a great angel! My brother and I both had Miss Carroll for 7th grade history and we both attribute her for our love of Texas history. My memory of her passion for living life to the fullest has motivated me at times when I needed a boost. If all of us tackled life the way that Miss Carroll did, our world would be a much better place to live in. My thoughts and prayers are with her family as she will be dearly missed by all who knew her!*

One of my fondest memories is all of my friends fighting every day to decide who would help Miss Carroll to her car. Another one of my favorite memories was during our first test in her classroom and she put on music while we took our test. Not just any music, mind you. It was rock and we were amazed! I just have a feeling that she is dancing the lights fandango in heaven as we speak!

Kay Bush Mousner



Kay Bush-Mousner - October 27, 2012 at 03:48 PM

MC

“ *Michelle Morton Chavez lit a candle in memory of Carolyn (Carroll) Vinson*



Michelle Morton Chavez - October 26, 2012 at 10:12 PM

MC

I'm very sorry to hear about Carolyn. She was a wonderful woman.

Michelle Morton Chavez - October 26, 2012 at 10:15 PM

DH

“ Ms. Carroll was my English teacher at Collins Middle School in 1972-73. She was an excellent teacher and really cared for her students and a very nice person. She was an inspiration to all who knew her. She will be missed by all.

Dean Hawk - October 26, 2012 at 04:19 PM

CS

“ Carolyn was an awesome lady, that I had the pleasure to know. I am praising the Lord for the life she led while she was here. An awesome example of how to live life to the fullest not matter what the circumstances. I remember her in her wheelchair going to school to work. She did not let it get her down! I also rejoice in the fact that she is walking the streets of gold with out heavenly Father! I will miss her! Love and prayers to the family!



Candy Story - October 26, 2012 at 01:44 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Carolyn (Carroll) Vinson.



October 26, 2012 at 10:44 AM

AI

“ ARS Engineers, Inc. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Carolyn (Carroll) Vinson.



ARS Engineers, Inc. - October 26, 2012 at 10:42 AM

BV

“ Bryan & Belinda Vickers lit a candle in memory of Carolyn (Carroll) Vinson



Bryan & Belinda Vickers - October 26, 2012 at 10:21 AM

BV

Our Prayers are with the family as the angles rejoice in Heaven.

Bryan & Belinda Vickers - October 26, 2012 at 10:24 AM

JW

“ Joshua Waldrip lit a candle in memory of Carolyn (Carroll) Vinson



Joshua Waldrip - October 26, 2012 at 07:45 AM

JW

Love you and miss you!

Joshua Waldrip - October 26, 2012 at 07:46 AM

MW

Love you, too!

Mary Frances Carroll Waldrip - October 26, 2012 at 11:46 AM

AJ

“ *Amy Story Jones lit a candle in memory of Carolyn (Carroll) Vinson*



Amy Story Jones - October 26, 2012 at 07:24 AM

AJ

“ *I want to say that I absolutely enjoyed the time I had with Carolyn and her family..She was an amazing woman and I loved her dearly...I will miss our daily talks on the phone and hearing her call me Amy girl...I love her and the family and I am very glad to have had her in my life...I will miss my dear friend very much..Love you Carolyn and family..Amy*

Amy Story Jones - October 26, 2012 at 07:23 AM