



# Mary Fredna Tosch Skaggs

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**M**ary Fredna Tosch Skaggs Longtime Longview resident, Mary Fredna Tosch Skaggs, died at a local hospital on Wednesday, October 18, 2006 of natural causes. She was 92 years old.

Fredna was born July 2, 1914, in Mesquite, Texas, to the late Fred and Sarah Francis Tosch. She attended grade schools in Mesquite and graduated from Forney High School in 1932. She graduated from North Texas Normal College University of North Texas with a degree in music education and taught elementary school music in Aledo, Texas. Fredna's love for music and her gift of entertaining others with her music continued until her time of death.

On September 11, 1938 she was united in marriage to John Lewis Jack Skaggs and they moved to Longview. She enjoyed entertaining family and friends, especially on holidays and special occasions.

She was involved in all school activities with her daughters as they grew up and always welcomed their friends at her home. Fredna was a devoted homemaker, loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, affectionately known as "Mamy".

Fredna was a member of First Christian Church for over 60 years.

She was a member of the Longview's Women's Forum, Longview Garden Club and Civic Music. In addition to her parents, Fredna was preceded in death by her husband, Jack, and son in law, J. R. Curtis.

Fredna is survived by her daughter and her husband, Sara and Richard Lucas and her daughter, Sue Curtis of Longview; grandchildren, Tosch Lucas of Tyler, Todd Lucas and his wife, Anne of Weatherford, Susan Lucas Stroud and her husband John of Frisco, Jason Curtis and his wife Janey of Fort Worth, and Elizabeth Ann Curtis Campbell and her husband David of Longview; eight great grandchildren, Tyler Anne and Miles Lucas, Margaret, Libby and Georgia Curtis, and Grace, Sophie and Luke Stroud.

Pallbearers will be Tosch Lucas, Todd Lucas, Jason Curtis, John Stroud, David Campbell,



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Dr. Chris Mack, Dr. Andy Mack, Dr. Ben Mack and Edward Crain. Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. James Sawyer, Dr. Bill Stephenson and David Farmer.

Funeral services for Mary Fredna Skaggs will be Friday, October 20, 2006 at 10:00 AM at First Christian Church, 720 N. 6th St., in Longview. Dr. Richard Emerson, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in Memory Park Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Rader Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home, Thursday evening, from 5:00 ? 7:00 PM. Memorials may be made to the First Christian Church of Longview Organ Pipe Fund or to a charity of the donor?s choice.

We would like to thank the staff of Country Place Village, Good Shepherd Medical Center, Select Specialty and Heartsway Hospice for their wonderful care.

A memorial guestbook may be signed at [www.raderfh.com](http://www.raderfh.com)



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Sara and Sue, You have our deepest sympathy. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Sally and Gene Dworsky##imported-begin##Sally and Gene Dworsky##imported-end##

October 23 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Sara and Sue, Your mother was a beautiful woman. I adore the photograph above. I loved to hear her laugh and tell all sorts of anecdotes! Ted, Curt, and Nancy join me in sending you and your families our condolences.... Love, Mary Martha##imported-begin##Mary Martha Mooney##imported-end##

October 22 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

On behalf of all of the staff at HeartsWay Hospice, I extend to you and your entire family our sincere condolences. I am sorry I did not make it to the funeral as planned. An unexpected conflict with that time arose. God bless you and your family.##imported-begin##Larry Tyler##imported-end##

October 19 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

##imported-begin##betty n. davis##imported-end##

October 19 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Sara, Dr Lucas and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you during your time of loss. Tammy Granger former employee of Dr Lucas Salida, Colorado##imported-begin##Tammy Granger##imported-end##

October 19 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

To the family of Ms.Skaggs,I remember she didn't like me calling her that it was "Fredna, to my friends," she would say. I spent a many a day talking of family and a daily devotional I used to read in her room. I seen her daily at County Place Village and she was definitely a respectful southern lady. She loved her sweets and she always decorated for the holidays in her room. It would make me feel like a child in her room. She had beautiful pictures, dolls, and decorations. I will miss her talking to me about our families and her asking me, "How are the girls?" She was very thoughtful and full of life. I remember how she liked to listen to Frank Sinatra. She loved her family and friends, there is no doubt about that. She will be one of those angels up there, I have no doubt. We'll miss her but, her words will live in us forever. Her friend, Lori##imported-begin##Lori Morgan-Russell##imported-end##

October 18 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

May God be with you during your time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Laverne Edwards##imported-end##

October 18 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Sara and Sue and Families, I just left the fneral home and had a quiet moment with Fredna alone. She looks so beautiful and so at peace. What a wonderful lady and I feel I am a better person just hav ing known her. She has always been very special to me and I treasure our memories and visits. I know she is playing the piano today like never before. Love, Carolyn McAninch##imported-begin##nCarolyn McAninch##imported-end##

October 18 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Sue, Sarah and all the rest of your families,I was so sorry to learn about Mrs. Skaggs. I remember her quite well when she was living. And, she was quite a sweet, fine lady. I just want you to know that you're all in my prayers and thoughts. I know that Heaven has a new person to help with the Heavenly music, now.Love,Sally Shaw##imported-begin##Sally Shaw##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

I do share in your time of sorrow and grief. "Know that God Loves You and Cares for you even now."###imported-begin##Charles Newhouse###imported-end##

October 18 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Lucas and Curtis Families, I was so saddened to hear of your loss. My mother, Carolyn McAninch, loved your mother so dearly. She often talked about Fredna. I know you all will miss her dearly, but I know she will look down and smile upon each and every one of you. May God Bless You and give you strength during this time. Love, Courtney McAninch Miller###imported-begin##Courtney Miller###imported-end##

October 18 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

We know how much you treasured Fredna. Our deepest sympathies to all of you.###imported-begin##William and Janet Martin###imported-end##

October 18 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Sue, so sorry to read of your mom's death. I remember from way back, always giving graduation parties. You and family are in our thoughts. D'anne DeMoss McGown daughter of Polly and Curtis.###imported-begin##D'anne DeMoss McGown###imported-end##

October 18 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Thoughts and prayers are with all the Family. You know I loved my Angel! Her place in Heaven is very special for it took a long time for Him to get it ready for her. I treasure my Memories of dear Fredna. May God bless her sweet Soul.###imported-begin##Millie Terry Harper###imported-end##

October 17 at 7:00 PM



# **Memories only last if you share them**

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