



Carolyn Sue Campbell Brown

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Carolyn Sue Campbell Brown, 81, of Longview, Texas, passed away on Saturday, August 25, 2018. Carolyn was born in Center, Texas, on August 24, 1937, to Emmitt and Twila Campbell. She met Bill Brown from Tenaha in the summer of 1953, and that began a relationship that resulted in them being married for 60 years. After proudly graduating from Center High School (Class of 1956), Carolyn went on to further her education at Kilgore College, where she was a Kilgore Rangerette.

She and Bill Brown married in 1958, and soon had their two oldest sons, Mike and Mark. Bill worked in the oil and gas business which necessitated living in a variety of places (College Station, Texas; Shreveport and Houma, Louisiana; and then to Tyler, Texas) before moving to Carthage. Once the boys were in school, Carolyn decided to finish her degree. She and a group of young women would commute daily to Nacogdoches to attend Stephen F. Austin University, where she received her elementary teaching degree.

After Carolyn received her teaching degree, she and Bill moved to Shreveport, Louisiana. Carolyn taught seventh grade for one year. Then she and Bill had their last son, David, in 1968. With three boys to raise, and another move and transfer to Lafayette, Louisiana, Carolyn decided it was time to retire from teaching. The family moved once again to Houston in 1976, where they lived until moving to Longview in 1981.

Carolyn loved people, and working with people, too. She spent many years in Longview actively serving in her church, Greggton United Methodist. A member of the Welmaker Joy Sunday School class for over 30 years, she was the Meals on Wheels Coordinator for many years, and also coordinated the annual United Methodist Women's pecan sale. She also served on various committees in the church, and even enjoyed working the VBS snack room for many years.

When she wasn't serving at the church, Carolyn loved to visit Center and all of her friends and family in Center. One thing that she really enjoyed was returning for various festivals and Center Roughrider Alumni events. She maintained many long lasting friendships over the years with



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friends from childhood, and if you met Carolyn, you would soon hear all about Shelby County and her friends and family there.

Not only will Carolyn be remembered for her love of her family, her home place, and her church, she will also be remembered for her love of Aggie football. During their 60 year marriage, Bill and Carolyn were two fervent Aggie fans; rarely did a home game take place without them being in the stands at Kyle Field to cheer on their beloved team. She and Bill made many lifelong friendships with fellow Aggie alumni, and they so loved going together to Aggie games over the years.

Carolyn is preceded in death by her parents, Emmitt Campbell and Twila Biggers Campbell, and sister, Mary Campbell Keeter. Family members left to cherish her memory are her husband, William A. (Bill) Brown, of Longview; her son, Mike, and his wife, Ann of Tyler; son, Mark Brown of Allen, Texas; and son, David, and his wife, Jeanna, of Henderson. Immediate family members also include grandsons, Noah and Clay Brown of Tyler; and granddaughters, Piper and Madyn Brown of Henderson. She will also be missed by so many of her longtime friends, of which there are too many to name.



Events

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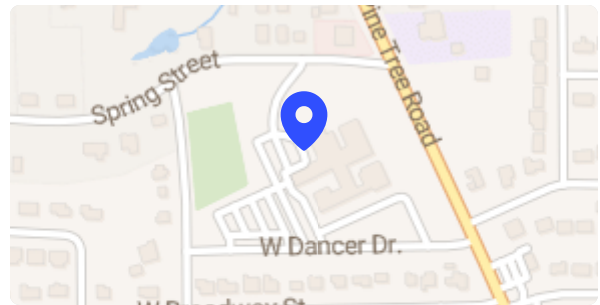
Visitation

- Tuesday**, August 28, 2018
- 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT
- Rader Funeral Home of Longview**
1617 Judson Road, Longview TX 75601



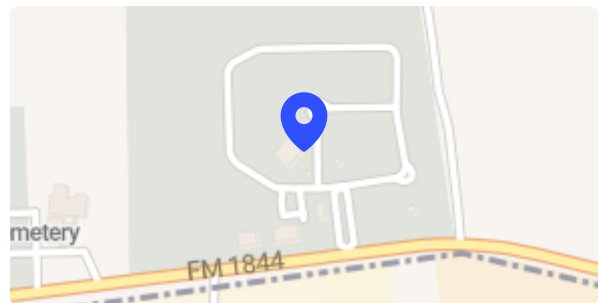
Funeral Service

- Wednesday**, August 29, 2018
- 10:00 AM CT
- Greggton United Methodist Church**
1101 Pine Tree Rd., Longview TX



Cemetery Details

- Rosewood Park**
1884 FM 1844, Longview TX 75605





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David And Maelinda Swanzy posted:

Dear Bill and family, David and I dearly loved Carolyn. David was a childhood friend from across Tenaha Street and has fond memories of the neighborhood gang/games. We were both in school with Carolyn and remember special times in the band with her. When I returned to Center in 1997, I was so happy to visit with Carolyn, Lee Gayle and Lucretia in your home and also the beach to play bridge. We loved it when Carolyn and you were able to return to Center for Homecoming and other events. We will certainly miss Carolyn, but trust that she is safely in heaven with our Lord Jesus. Our love and sympathy, Maelinda and David Swanzy Center, TX

August 29 at 7:04 AM



Vicky Taggart lit a candle in honor of Carolyn.

Prayers for the family.

August 28 at 11:10 AM



Anonymous sent a Floor Plant for Sympathy to the Brown family.

August 28 at 8:32 AM



Anonymous sent a Red, White & Blue Sympathy Basket to the Brown family.

August 28 at 8:09 AM



Billie Sue Payne posted:

My love and prayers to all the family!! She was a wonderful friend and I loved all the stories she told of growing up in Center with Lee and all her friends.

August 28 at 3:14 AM



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CM

Clifton Palmer McLendon posted:

My condolences to the family.

August 27 at 7:52 PM



Anonymous sent a Floor Plant for Sympathy to the Brown family.



August 27 at 6:37 PM



Anonymous sent a Healing Tears - All White to the Brown family.



August 27 at 4:54 PM

JB

Jerry Bradshaw posted:

So sorry to learn of the death of my good friend and elementary school girlfriend. Carolyn was a very special friend and lady. Our high school class of 1956 will remember her forever. Billy, I can tell you from experience that a void has been created in your heart that will never be filled. May God bring comfort to your family at this sad time. God Bless, Jerry Bradshaw

August 27 at 10:39 AM

AR

Alice Sue Rhodes posted:

Carolyn was one of my dearest friends. We grew up together in Center and shared countless hours at birthday celebrations, slumber parties, school, band, church camp, and reunions. She had a delightful sense of humor, and she loved laughter. I will cherish the memories of my beloved friend.

August 27 at 10:31 AM



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Sally Stiernberg posted:

Carolyn and I became friends in the 1st grade at Center Elementary School and our friendship lasted through playing together, attending church together, birthday parties, band ,college and our adult lives. She was fun to be with and we shared both fun times as well as sad times. Her death leaves an emptiness in our group which will remain a beautiful memory. How blessed we were to have shared those many years of love and laughter!Sally Menefee StiernbergAustin

August 27 at 6:59 AM



Anonymous sent a Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket to the Brown family.



August 27 at 3:09 AM



Gay Ashby Thompson posted:

Carolyn will always be alive in my heart as the sweet, funny, friend I have loved for most of my 80 years. We grew up together in Center, went to the Methodist church there, began school together and shared a friendship that will never be lost. She was our red-headed comedienne will forever be missed. Gay Ashby Thompson

August 27 at 2:50 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Carolyn by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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