



Berneice Edmonds Collins

August 9, 1929 - May 4, 2013

Berneice Edmonds Collins of El Campo died May 5, 2013 at the age of 83. She was born August 9, 1929 in McGregor to the late Charles Theodore and Martha Welch Edmonds. Music was her life and she was an accomplished pianist. She, along with her husband Richard, founded Collins Music Center in 1957 and she was a longtime piano teacher. She was a lifelong member of the Baptist Church, and was the organist and a co-founder of Memorial Baptist Church, longtime organist for the First Baptist Church and served as an organist for several other churches in El Campo and Louise. She also was the pianist for the Rotary Club of El Campo weekly meetings for many years. She is survived by her daughter Robin Crowell and husband Dale; sons Randy Collins and wife Clarke, Ricky Collins and wife Ginger, and Ronny Collins and wife Bonnie, all of El Campo; grandchildren Craig, Carsen, and Cooper Collins, Casey, Clay, and Calen Collins, Camille Henslee, Julia Bridges, Lauralee Collins, Alexis Crowell, and Cassidy Crowell; great-granddaughters Harper and Brynn; sister Charlene Heath of Waco; brother-in-law Robert Collins and wife Pat of Houston.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband of 53 years, Richard B. Collins.

Visitation will begin 2:00 pm Tuesday at Triska Funeral Home with the family receiving friends from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The funeral service will be 2:00 pm Wednesday, May 8, 2013, at First Baptist Church with Rev. Rick DuBroc officiating. Interment will follow at Oaklawn Memorial Park.

Serving as pallbearers are Craig Collins, Carsen Collins, Clay Collins, Cooper Collins, Calen Collins and Cecil Davis.

Memorial donations may be made to the First Baptist Church of El Campo.

Tribute Wall

AA

“ Mrs. Collins hired me for my first job -- working at the music store in El Campo -- back when I was in High School over 35 years ago. I have cherished all that she taught me! She truly made a difference...

Remembering with gratitude, Annette

Annette Bilicek Adams - employee long ago - May 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ You and your family are in our prayers.

Tammy Culp - Waco, TX - Friends to Charlene Heath - May 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ I started out as Mrs. Collins housekeeper and then the last year I was one of her caregivers. Mrs. Collins was one of the most amazing ladies I could of known and grew to love very much I am going to miss her terribly. May you R.I.P Mrs. Collins.

Karen Ferguson - ElCampo, TX - Caregiver - May 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ When I think of Mrs. Collins, elegance, talent and beauty come to mind. I think of loving wife, mother and grandmother. I don't remember what we talked about, but I always considered it a privilege to sit by Mrs. Collins at Rotary Club after she had played the club's obligatory two songs on the piano to keep us on key. Such a sweet woman. What an honor it was to have known her.

Chris Barbee - May 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ I can remember many years ago, Berneice had diapered Carsen in her arms and was slowly walking around the living room with him, pointing things out and discussing everything on all of the shelves and walls. I have always remembered that. It was a cool way to have quality time with a baby who wasn't yet talking.

Kelly Hutchinson - kemah, TX - friend - May 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ What a beautiful woman. God had blessed her and her family richly.

Diana David - El Campo, TX - Friend - May 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ I was an employee of Mrs. Collins for several years many years ago. She was a pleasure to work for.

J.D. Reinke - Houston, TX - Former Employee - May 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ So sorry for your loss of your love one. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Linda & Ken Kram - El Campo, TX - Friend - May 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM