



## Carolyn Goelzer

December 8, 1932 - July 21, 2020

Carolyn Williams Goelzer died July 21, 2020, after a brief hospital stay in San Antonio. She was born December 8, 1932 in Venus, Texas to Rev. Philip Charles Williams and Myrtie Wingo Williams.

Carolyn had recently made New Braunfels her home, to be near family, after spending more than 40 years in El Campo as First Baptist Church organist.

Carolyn graduated Baylor University with a bachelor's degree in Education/English and a minor in Religion. She married the late Ronald E. Goelzer, M.D. following his graduation from Baylor College of Medicine.

Carolyn's life was about her love for and service toward others. It started with her husband and children, extending to her church, community and beyond. Her intentional service was born of her faith in Jesus Christ.

Carolyn's gift was to connect with people because she cared about them.

She shared smiles and words of recognition with people at the grocery store, post office, pharmacy, dry cleaners, the bank, nursing home, and her church. People loved Carolyn because she was joyful, vibrant and a ray of light.

Carolyn was an exceptional musician – playing organ and piano. She played many weddings, most funerals and other services at the church.

Additionally, she accompanied the “community singers” each Monday at Garden Villa Nursing Home.

Carolyn was a civic-minded person – organizing or aiding with fundraising events on behalf of the El Campo Museum, the Heritage Center, and El Campo Memorial Hospital. She was named Citizen of the Year by the El Campo Chamber of Commerce in 2012.

Carolyn Goelzer served her local Baptist church and the denomination, at the state level. Locally, she helped in Vacation Bible School; and participated in committee work such as music, building and properties, and the nominating committee. Statewide, she served on the board of directors of Texas Baptist Encampment in Palacios; and the board leadership nominating committee, for institutions of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Carolyn loved her alma mater Baylor University and was an avid sports fan. She served on the board of directors for the Baylor University Alumni Association and with several of its committees. She helped in the planning for the annual Spring Fling event and was a member of the Houston Baylor University Women’s Association.

She had recently become a member of First Protestant Church in New Braunfels and loved living at Eden Hill Communities where she was welcomed as if by old friends.

Carolyn W. Goelzer is survived by daughters Karen Goelzer Bailey (Ted) of Carrollton, Texas; Linda Goelzer of Dallas; Julianne Goelzer Serafini (Mike) of Bend, Oregon; son Ronald Eric Goelzer, Jr. (Renee) of New Braunfels; grandchildren Amy Garrett Warnick (James) of Dallas; Riley Goelzer and Brett Goelzer of New Braunfels.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

The family wishes to express their appreciation to the staff of Adult 4 ICU at North Central Baptist Hospital and River City Hospice for their loving care.

Following a private graveside service for family, a memorial celebration of Carolyn Goelzer's life will be held 3:30 p.m. Sunday, July 26, 2020 at First Baptist Church of El Campo (FBCEC), the Rev. Rick DuBroc officiating. Attendees will be required to social distance according to current state requirements and the service will also be live streamed via YouTube from the FBCEC web site [FirstEICampo.org](http://FirstEICampo.org). Attendees will be required to wear masks.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Carolyn Goelzer's memory to First Baptist Church of El Campo, First Protestant Church of New Braunfels, or South Texas Children's Home – Beeville.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL **26**. 3:30 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
210 Depot Street  
El Campo, TX 77437

# Tribute Wall

MB

“ Words escape me when I remember Carolyn. There is so many stories and times we shared most with laughter and some tears. Never will there ever be a lady so fine and so precious. She always made everyone feel as tho you were her best friend . And of course Myrtie would just shake her head at some of Carolyn's antics or fashion choices, but always so loved by everyone. Never will there ever be another like her. Bobby and I were blessed to have a friend such as she. I know Heaven brightened up when she arrived . She was a shinning light wherever she went. We loved her so much.  
Toodie

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**Maureen Brady** - November 24, 2020 at 06:41 PM

LH

“ I enjoyed knowing Carolyn and Dr. Goelzer during my 7 yrs providing anesthesia care in EICampo, She was a great lady, wonderful cook, and Organist, She devoted a lot of service with the SunShine ladies who were all a great group of ladies that did so much for EICampo Memorial Hospital, She was a wonderful Mother and Homemaker, My sympathy to her wonderful family. RIP

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**Larry Hilliard** - September 11, 2020 at 01:03 PM

GH

“ *When I think of Aunt Carolyn I think of her smiling and laughing at our family gatherings in Chilton and Marlin and I think of the fun she must have had on her recent trip to Alaska.*

*When ever I mention Aunt Carolyn to Mother she always (and I mean always) tells the tale of the dinner that Dad and she had with Carolyn and Ronnie in New Haven back in the day.*

*My deepest sympathy for your loss.*  
*Gail Hinton*



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**Gail Hinton** - July 28, 2020 at 05:30 PM

DT

“ *Carolyn always had a smile and sweet words for anyone she greeted. I am grateful for the time I knew her and the impressions she made on me. The life she lived as His servant was noted. I lift you in prayers as you grieve her loss, but we all know her homecoming was glorious. I will not forget her as her beautiful celebration of life was my first via YouTube. Thank you for having the forethought to share this way.*

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**Donna Thornton** - July 28, 2020 at 04:02 PM

MK

“ Carolyn was a kind & beautiful friend. We enjoyed our conversations & celebrations after “Baylor’s Big Wins” (throughout many years.) We love her & miss her. Please accept our prayers & heartfelt sympathy. Love, Hubert & Mary Jane Kaiser

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**Mary Jane Kaiser** - July 26, 2020 at 04:01 PM

IR

“ We are so very sorry to hear about Carolyn's passing. She was such a sweet person, always happy and her laughter was contagious. I have known Carolyn since the Nightingale Hospital days and remember when she and Dr. Goelzer moved to El Campo. Working with Dr. Goelzer I saw a lot of Carolyn as well. When El Campo Memorial Hospital opened in 1979 Carolyn was the President of the Sunshine Ladies and she remained faithful with the organization even when she moved to New Braunfels. She was a sweet friend and she will be deeply missed. The last time I saw her was early this year at the annual Chamber Banquet. She was happy like she always was. May she rest in peace and may she and Dr. Goelzer continue their journey. Irma and Victor Rocha

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**Irma Rocha** - July 26, 2020 at 01:52 PM

EK

“ Mrs. Goelzer was a special person in our children's lives. She taught both at Jack & Jill Kindergarten in Wharton years ago. She also played the organ at our daughter's wedding years later. She was always so friendly and kind to all and made a great impact on all our lives. We will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers.  
Ed & Kathy Koehl  
Oklahoma City, Ok  
(formerly of Wharton)

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**Ed/Kathleen Koehl** - July 26, 2020 at 11:46 AM

CB

“ Carolyn was our best friend from the moment that she moved to the Pinnacle!

*We loved her kindness, her happy demeanor and entertaining us on the piano!*

*We miss her being here.*

*C.E. and Kathleen Bryan*

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**CE. and Kathleen Bryan** - July 25, 2020 at 02:59 PM

CB

*Please correct the typo.*

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**CE. and Kathleen Bryan** - July 25, 2020 at 03:00 PM

DH

“ Your mom always met me with the warmest of greetings and we talked as if we had known each other for an entire lifetime. When visiting with your mom, one always walked away with a good feeling. She had a definite gift! We are so very sorry for your loss. Love to all of you.

Dot and Ellwood Hermansen - July 25, 2020 at 02:32 PM

PW

“ Paige Weaver sent a virtual gift in memory of Carolyn Goelzer



Paige Weaver - July 25, 2020 at 11:12 AM

PW

Mrs. Carolyn was always one of my favorites to see at Vacation Bible School. Songs that she and Mr. Larry taught us during music time, I have sung with my kids. I have so many great memories at First Baptist Church with her and my grandmother. Sending my thoughts and prayers to the family.

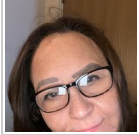
Paige Weaver - July 25, 2020 at 11:20 AM

DC

“ Dianne Shimek Cerny lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Goelzer



Dianne Shimek Cerny - July 25, 2020 at 12:20 AM



*“ I loved Carolyn My condolences to the family .  
She was a wonderful person of God.she will  
be missed.*



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**Linda Soto** - July 24, 2020 at 11:54 PM

BS

*“ Carolyn and I met while volunteering with the Baylor Alumni Association on the Fling Committee and spent many fun times planning the event each year, attending the weekend and enjoying special summer trips to various destinations. The fellow committee members became very close friends and looked forward to being together every time we met. She was so friendly and full of energy that she inspired all of us with her ideas and participation. She and I also shared a mutual friend, Cecil Davis, who I had met in elementary school in Edna. I join in sending the family my condolences and memories of their mother and grandmother. She was extra special.*

*Bob Anne Senter*

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**Bob Anne Senter** - July 24, 2020 at 12:09 PM

JR

*We were so happy to have Carolyn join us at the Pinnacle at EdenHill!  
She was a blessing to us all. Sending my heart-felt condolences.  
Judy Ritchie*

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**Judy Ritchir** - July 25, 2020 at 10:24 AM

RF

“ Robert, Lorraine, Diane, Susan and families.  
purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family  
of Carolyn Goelzer.



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**Robert, Lorraine, Diane, Susan and families.** - July 24, 2020 at  
10:54 AM

LP

“ Karen, Linda, Julie, and Eric,

*I have so many wonderful memories of the many, many hours that I  
spent at your house in Wharton. Your mother was so fun and it was  
a joy to spend time with her. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Sending hugs and love, Linda Clary Pierce*

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**Linda Clary Pierce** - July 23, 2020 at 10:40 PM

DS

*Karen, Linda, Julie, and Eric...please accept my heartfelt condolences  
as you grieve the loss of your mom. She was an exceptional lady. I will  
miss her. In His love, Debbie Jackson Stutler*

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**Debbie Jackson Stutler** - July 25, 2020 at 01:31 AM

BB

“ Bill And Jo Ann Bender lit a candle in memory  
of Carolyn Goelzer



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**Bill and Jo Ann Bender** - July 23, 2020 at 10:14 PM

LM

“ *Loretta Morgan lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Goelzer*



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**Loretta Morgan** - July 23, 2020 at 09:42 PM

TB

“ *A sweeter friend could not be found. Carolyn and I spent many hours together once a month besides her unique friendship with Bobby and the choir. She was so supportive during Bobby's illness. Her uplifting prayers and words during all our family crisis made everything seem better. She enjoyed life as a smiling joyful loyal Christian friend. We always laughed knowing Mytrie and Viola were still keeping tabs on us and keeping us straight. She will be missed but welcomed by all the loved ones there before her. Her life was well lived and she was loved so much. Karen, Linda, Julie and Eric, you had the best parents God chose for you. Remember all the funny good full days with your family. Love you all. Toodie*

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**Toodie Brady** - July 23, 2020 at 07:01 PM

NS

“ *Both Carolyn and the Doc were such nice people. Knew them when he practiced in Wharton. Was my late husband's doc. Nice, Nice couple. Prayers to the family.*

*Nancy Sablatura*

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**Nancy Sablatura** - July 23, 2020 at 06:34 PM

SS

“ *Sherry Stanley lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Goelzer*



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**Sherry Stanley** - July 23, 2020 at 03:58 PM

WR

“ *Carolyn was my best friend for most of these 40 years! We had coffee & conversation almost every day. I will miss her but know she is not hurting anymore. Thank God for her friendship!*  
*Wanda Rapp*

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**Wanda Rapp** - July 23, 2020 at 03:47 PM

JC

“ *Jan Charbula lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Goelzer*



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**Jan Charbula** - July 23, 2020 at 03:44 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Carolyn Goelzer.*



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July 23, 2020 at 01:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carolyn Goelzer.*



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July 23, 2020 at 09:50 AM



“ *Julie Strnadel sent a virtual gift in memory of Carolyn Goelzer*



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**Julie Strnadel** - July 23, 2020 at 08:20 AM



“ *Carolyn was the new organist at First Baptist Church about the same time I moved to El Campo to serve as Music and Youth Minister—1977. She became my mentor in the music area and a dear friend. She continued to serve the Lord by providing beautiful music for over 40 years. Such a sweet and kind person.*

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**Jimmy Martin** - July 23, 2020 at 07:08 AM



*I still cannot wrap my mind around the fact that Carolyn has gone on to be with the Lord. She was always such a vibrant lady. May the Lord be a comfort to her family.*

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**Laurel Clements** - July 23, 2020 at 08:42 AM

LH

*Carolyn has been a blessing to our family for the last 490 plus years! I have so many memories, from early on with her and Dr. Goelzer. As an adult, she was always an encouragement, and a prayer warrior! I will miss her hugs and the laughter she always brought! She made an impact on so many people. Praying for your family as you celebrate her legacy and life but also grieve the loss of her vibrant presence in your daily lives. She loved each of you so much. Whenever she saw me her last thing to say was Sic Em Bears!!! I will miss her and cannot wait time to see her in heaven!*

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**Lisa Pope Humphrey** - July 23, 2020 at 11:24 AM

MN

*I had the privilege to serve as pastor to her mother in law and extended family at FBC Chilton. For many years we fought Fundamentalism in Texas Baptist life. She knew and loved real Baptist distinctives and our Baylor bears! What a joy she was to Me and all she encountered!*

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**Mark Newton** - July 23, 2020 at 01:13 PM

MC

*a amazing sweet precious lady was a blessing to have her in our choir she will be missed so dearly god bless her family*

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**mary clark** - July 23, 2020 at 03:09 PM

LP

*I had the great privilege to serve 20 years at FBC, El Campo (Music & Youth Ministry) with Carolyn as organist. She was such servant-hearted musician, and a such joy to serve with. So many wonderful memories of this sweet and kind servant. Carolyn will be missed.*

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**Larry Pittman** - July 23, 2020 at 07:46 PM

EC

“ *Elaine Cook lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Goelzer*



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**Elaine Cook** - July 23, 2020 at 02:09 AM

MH

“ *Mollie Hubenak lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Goelzer*



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**Mollie Hubenak** - July 22, 2020 at 11:43 PM

RT

“ *Rhonda Teets lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Goelzer*



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**rhonda teets** - July 22, 2020 at 11:24 PM

RJ

“ *Prayers for her family. Such a special lady. Never knew a stranger. I knew her from my days of working with Dr. Goelzer at the hospital. The sweetest person to know. May you RIP Carolyn.*

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**Rae Ann Johnson** - July 22, 2020 at 11:07 PM

RJ

“ *Rae Ann Johnson lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Goelzer*



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**Rae Ann Johnson** - July 22, 2020 at 11:00 PM

JK

“ *Oh Mrs. Goelzer, you were the most friendly, cheerful and beautiful person ever!  
Although I only worked a year for your husband back in 1976, you never forgot my name and we always chatted when I'd see you in town. Always a sweet smile... You joy filled spirit was such a blessing!  
Sending my sympathy and prayers to your family...  
Janice Korenek*

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**Janice Korenek** - July 22, 2020 at 10:56 PM

AE

“ *Such a wonderful lady. Always smiling! We miss her so much.*

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**Annie Entrekin** - July 22, 2020 at 10:55 PM

CG

“ *She was a wonderful and beautiful person. I'm grateful that I was able to cross her path along her journey in this life. May she continue to smile in Heaven with Dr. Goelzer.*



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**Cristal Gomez** - July 22, 2020 at 10:41 PM

PD

“ *Patricia Dybala lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Goelzer*



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**Patricia Dybala** - July 22, 2020 at 10:02 PM

CR

“ *Cindy Riha lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Goelzer*



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**Cindy Riha** - July 22, 2020 at 09:28 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Carolyn Goelzer.*



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July 22, 2020 at 06:54 PM

MH

“ *Connecting with Carolyn always made my day a little brighter; She was a ray of sunshine.*

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**Myrna Hansen** - July 22, 2020 at 05:49 PM