



Carolyn Frances Hill

October 30, 1943 - October 1, 2015

CAROLYN FRANCES NAISER HILL, 1943-2015

Carolyn was born on October 30, 1943, to Margaret (Rolf) and Raymond Naiser, in Kalamazoo, Michigan, where her father was stationed before going overseas with the U.S. Army. After World War II, the family moved home to El Campo, Texas, a tiny farming community, where Carolyn and her siblings were raised. Carolyn attended Saint Philip's Catholic School, begging to begin first grade at age five, and later, El Campo High School, where she was nicknamed "Little". At fourteen, she went on her first date with David. At fifteen, she practiced hitting a tennis ball against the garage wall all summer in order to make the school tennis team, thus beginning her near obsession with the sport. Her senior year, she was elected student-body President in a surprise write-in campaign. In college at Southwest Texas State, her determination earned a spot on the world famous Strutters dance team. From her place at the end, she held up the high-kick line. Later she was Chi Omega sorority President. She graduated with a B.S. in Elementary Education and a B.S. in Speech and Hearing Therapy. Carolyn went off to the University of Wisconsin for graduate school; before leaving home, she and her mother, Margaret, sewed beautiful, heavy wool skirt suits that were not warm enough. In Madison, Carolyn dug cars out of snowdrifts. She met people who became lifelong friends. She earned a Master's Degree in Speech Pathology in 1967.

When David came home from Vietnam in 1968, they married and moved to

Memphis. During their forty-seven year marriage, they lived in three towns, Memphis, Baton Rouge, and Houston, where they built three houses. They raised three children, whom Carolyn cared for with all the love and commitment that she put into everything she did in life. She breastfed babies before it was cool. She truly enjoyed the company of children, and was adored by her grandchildren. For them, she planned trips to a tea factory, a magic show, the rodeo, Astros games, berry picking-farms, plays, and “the bay”. She organized skits for them to perform, night walks on the beach, and treasure hunts to make days memorable. As “Bubbe” she became a legend.

Carolyn played tennis on dozens of leagues with hundreds of people for thousands of hours. Nothing made her happier than a long match on a hot tennis court. She loved libraries and read constantly. One of her life goals was to write a book; she leaves three books half-finished and many journals full of additional notes and stories. She loved the beach and ice cream and baseball and card games. Carolyn sought out new experiences. She went parasailing in a wind so strong that the crew worried about getting her ninety-pound body down. She delighted in making David nervous by scooting out onto rocky ledges overlooking vistas, where one slip would mean plummet. Once, she won the bad-beat jackpot. Carolyn was a tree-climber.

Strong for her size and stronger of mind. In fact, she was brilliantly outrageous in independence of mind. She believed one person can make a difference. She loved her country. She trusted in God. She was devoted to her family and her family to her.

Carolyn Frances Naiser Hill died at home on October 1, 2015. Carolyn is survived by her husband and best friend, David Simms Hill; her three children, Jara Ahrabi, Kathryn McClelland, and John Hill; their spouses Ryan Ahrabi, Dustin McClelland, and Rachel Hill; and six grandchildren Henry Ahrabi, John Ahrabi, Audrey McClelland, Jane McClelland, Caroline Hill, and David Hill.

She is also survived by her mother, Mrs. Margaret Rolf Naiser, of El Campo, Texas, age 98, two sisters, one brother, their spouses, five nephews, one niece, and their families. Carolyn is preceded in death by her father, Mr. Raymond Naiser.

A funeral mass will be held at Christ the Good Shepherd Catholic Church, in Spring, Texas, on Thursday, October 8, 2015, at 11:00, under the direction of Klein Funeral Home in Tomball. Burial will be in El Campo, Texas, at the Holy Cross Memorial Park on Friday, October 9, at 11:30 am under the direction of Triska Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

OCT 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

Christ the Good Shepherd Catholic Church
18511 Klein Church Rd
Spring, TX 77379

Burial

OCT 9. 11:30 AM (CT)

Holy Cross Memorial Park
US Hwy 59 and Mechanic St.
El Campo, TX 77437

Tribute Wall

SS

“ Rest in peace to my beloved 3rd grade teacher, Carolyn. One of the finest, liberated, flower-child, Czech Texan women I'll ever meet. Got to attend same school in Wisconsin she did. Finally, grateful for letting me have, as a kid, a personal, feminine clothing memento that treasured for years. Thank you Carolyn .miss you terribly!

S. Spacek - January 25, 2022 at 03:50 PM

 Janet Perkins

“ Carolyn was a gracious, friendly, beautiful lady. Whenever I saw her on the other side of my tennis court, I knew I was going to be there for hours. She played a good hard game of tennis and you saw she loved the sport so much.

She will be missed by many. Our hearts are broken, but knowing heaven has a beautiful angel now watching over all her family and friends.

Hugs and strength to all she has touched, by her smile, by her love and by her kindness.

---always in our memory,
Janet Perkins

Janet Perkins - October 10, 2015 at 11:24 AM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Carolyn Frances Hill.



October 07, 2015 at 10:31 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of Carolyn Frances Hill.



October 07, 2015 at 08:20 PM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of Carolyn Frances Hill.



October 07, 2015 at 02:34 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Carolyn Frances Hill.



October 07, 2015 at 01:48 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Carolyn Frances Hill.



October 07, 2015 at 11:26 AM

AB

“ Aunt Helen, Beverly, Carol, and Becky purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Carolyn Frances Hill.



Aunt Helen, Beverly, Carol, and Becky - October 07, 2015 at 11:22 AM

BT

“ Barbara, Vickie, Ro and Ted purchased the Amazing Arboricola for the family of Carolyn Frances Hill.



Barbara, Vickie, Ro and Ted - October 07, 2015 at 06:04 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carolyn Frances Hill.



October 06, 2015 at 10:17 PM

YS

“ Yoshiko S. purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Carolyn Frances Hill.



Yoshiko S. - October 06, 2015 at 08:54 PM

AT

“ God blessed Carolyn with many gifts that she recognized, developed, used, and shared. She was also blessed with a joy-filled spirit that permeated all that she did. Add energy and determination and Carolyn was a small force to be reckoned with **BIG TIME!**
Arliss Treybig, Homeroom Teacher 1957-1961
(3rd cousin, once removed -- Henneke Family)

Arliss Treybig - October 06, 2015 at 06:41 PM



“ *My Fair Lady* was purchased for the family of Carolyn Frances Hill.



October 06, 2015 at 04:58 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance* was purchased for the family of Carolyn Frances Hill.



October 06, 2015 at 04:36 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Carolyn Frances Hill.



October 06, 2015 at 04:18 PM



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



October 06, 2015 at 03:04 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Carolyn Frances Hill.*



October 06, 2015 at 11:57 AM



“ *Love, Jenny and Doug Munro purchased the A Full Life for the family of Carolyn Frances Hill.*



Love, Jenny and Doug Munro - October 06, 2015 at 09:36 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Carolyn Frances Hill.*



October 06, 2015 at 08:57 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Carolyn Frances Hill.*



October 05, 2015 at 10:14 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Carolyn Frances Hill.*



October 05, 2015 at 07:44 PM



“ *Sandy, Mary, Bernice, Deb & Linda purchased the Ever Upward Bouquet for the family of Carolyn Frances Hill.*



Sandy, Mary, Bernice, Deb & Linda - October 05, 2015 at 07:35 PM



“ *David and family, Mrs. Naiser, Bill and I share your grief and send many prayers your way. May God help your healing. Our love and our prayers are with you.*

Bill and Gloria Dowden.

Gloria Dowden - October 05, 2015 at 07:07 PM

JW

“ Jennifer and Robert Wiemer purchased the Sweet Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Carolyn Frances Hill.



Jennifer and Robert Wiemer - October 05, 2015 at 06:47 PM

CB

“ Connie S Bowers purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Carolyn Frances Hill.



Connie S Bowers - October 05, 2015 at 06:41 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carolyn Frances Hill.



October 05, 2015 at 05:52 PM

JJ

“ We send our deepest sympathies on the loss of your beloved daughter, wife, mother, sister, friend. I remember Carolyn from summers at the bay and will always recall her bright smile. May your cherished memories comfort you in this time of sorrow and in the times ahead. Love, Jamie (Janie's niece)

Jamie J - October 05, 2015 at 05:36 PM

JW

“ When they say "good things come in small packages" there must be a vision of Carolyn accompanying the phrase. Some of the longest tennis matches I ever played were with my wonderful friend and teammate Carolyn. She held the art of patience and unbounded stamina in that pint-sized body. Such a wonderful lady will be sorely missed here on Earth. My love and prayers to Dave and her family.

Jennifer Wiemer - October 05, 2015 at 05:33 PM

CT

“ Carolyn & Howard Tellepsen purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Carolyn Frances Hill.



Carolyn & Howard Tellepsen - October 05, 2015 at 05:12 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carolyn Frances Hill.



October 05, 2015 at 04:53 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Carolyn Frances Hill.



October 05, 2015 at 03:28 PM

GJ

“ Gene & Jeannie purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Carolyn Frances Hill.



Gene & Jeannie - October 05, 2015 at 03:21 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Carolyn Frances Hill.



October 05, 2015 at 01:14 PM

RF

“ Randall & Kristy Ahrabi and Family purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Carolyn Frances Hill.



Randall & Kristy Ahrabi and Family - October 05, 2015 at 12:08 PM

MM

“ Mack and Karen McClelland purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Carolyn Frances Hill.



Mack and Karen McClelland - October 05, 2015 at 12:05 PM

BF

“ *Bob & Lou Ahrabi and Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Carolyn Frances Hill.*



Bob & Lou Ahrabi and Family - October 05, 2015 at 11:54 AM



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



October 05, 2015 at 11:17 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Carolyn Frances Hill.*



October 05, 2015 at 09:34 AM

TF

“ *The Rioux Family purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Carolyn Frances Hill.*



The Rioux Family - October 05, 2015 at 08:40 AM