



Roberta Struss Presley

January 15, 1921 - July 18, 2013

Roberta Struss Presley passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 18, 2013. She was born in Columbus, Texas on January 15, 1921, the second daughter of William A. Struss and Jennie Frels Struss. After attending Columbus schools, she graduated from the University of Texas in 1942. While working as manager of the Normana Theater in El Campo, she met Walter Presley. They married on October 21, 1944 and had a wonderful, happy union for 62 years. Walter died on October 19, 2006.

Her strong Christian faith sustained her throughout her life. She was a devoted member of First Presbyterian Church where she taught Kindergarten Sunday School for 19 years, played the piano for Bible School, and sang in the choir for 60 years. She loved the people at her church and felt a special bond with all of them.

Because of her talents and keen intellect, she could have excelled in many fields but she chose to be a homemaker, wife, and mother. She was a constant companion and helpmate to her husband, Dr. W. D. Presley, during his 40 years of medical practice in El Campo. Her devotion was most evident as she became a loving caregiver during her husband's extended illness.

Perhaps her most enduring legacy is her music. She had a beautiful soprano voice and played the piano by ear. All of the family gatherings at the Presley

home were filled with her music. Her family and friends will miss the wonderful hours of singing around the piano.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, and Ruby Schiller and Norma Barrow, her sisters.

She is survived by two devoted daughters Lynn Reed of El Campo and Kathleen Potter and her husband Tommy of Fort Worth; sister, Rosanna Ueckert of Columbus; grandchildren, Clay Reed and wife Conni of Austin, Deena Graham and husband Brian of Austin, Melissa Page and husband Mark of Southlake, and Sam Brodsgaard and wife Shelly of Fort Worth; great-grandchildren Jack and Kathleen Graham, Reed Bartosh, and Maya and Lily Brodsgaard. She also cherished her relationships with her nieces and nephews and remained close to them throughout her life.

Visitation will begin at 12 pm Sunday, July 21, 2013 at Triska Funeral Home. The family will receive visitors from 5:30-7:00 pm on Sunday. After a private burial, a memorial service will be held at First Presbyterian Church on Monday, July 22, 2013 at 1:00 pm. Memorials may be directed to First Presbyterian Church, 312 Depot or Hospice El Campo, 1102 North Mechanic.

Thanks be to God for the life of Roberta Presley!

Tribute Wall

LF

“ Our deepest sympathy in the loss of your mom. She was a staple in our church choir, always a friendly sweet lady. Later on, sharing her musical gift with my dad at Wincrest was a pure joy!
Lael, Ashley and Taylor Martin

Lael Martin - El campo, TX - Friend - August 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ May it help to know that your mother will always be remembered for having touched the lives of so many people with her special kindness.

Charles Maerz - El Campo, TX - Friend - July 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ What a wonderful and loving person, I was lucky enough to be in her sunday school class and to hear her sing in the choir many years ago, if heaven has a choir I'm sure she will be in it.

Bowden starlin - Corpus Christi, TX - July 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ So sorry for your families loss. Hugs to you all.....

Angie Socha - El Campo, TX - friend - July 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Kathleen and Lynn

My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. You had a wonderful Mother and Father.

Betty Herring

Betty Herring - Brownwood - Friend from the past - July 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

K'

“ Lynn & Kathleen,

I am sorry to hear about your mother. You were blessed to have had such a wonderful father and mother. They were both class acts.

*Regards,
Ken & Nansi*

Ken & Nansi Moore - Katy, TX - Class of '64 - July 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Growing up friends with Lynn and spending time at the Presley home was always a privilege for me. A wonderful example of a strong family. I know you will carry many wonderful memories ---- bless all of you.*

Donna Cochran Robichaix - Lantana, TX - Lynn's school mate and friend. - July 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NL

“ *What fond memories we all have of this lovely lady.....God grant her eternal peace! Love to all the family!*

Nancy Mehrens - Clifton, TX - classmate of Lynn - July 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ *I was so sorry to hear of the sad news of your Mother passing. You and your family are now in our thoughts and prayers at this time. My peace be with you.*

*Love,
Linda & Ken Kram*

Linda Kram - El Campo, TX - Friend & Classmate of Lynn's - July 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Love, Jeannie and David

Jeannie Dickson - Waco, TX - friend Of Kathleen - July 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Sorry for your loss of your mom

You been my mono and dads neighbor for a while before you moved

Kari - El Campo, TX - Friend - July 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM