



Carolyn S. Ivey

February 9, 1950 - June 29, 2023

Carolyn Ivey (née Silvey) of College Station, formerly of Minerva passed away June 29, 2023. Carolyn Silvey was born February 9, 1950, in Cameron, Texas to Betty Marie Silvey (née Davidson) and Frank LaDelle “Dell” Silvey, both of Minerva. She attended Rockdale High School and graduated in 1968. Carolyn married the love of her life Thomas “Tom” Neal Ivey, of Cameron, son of Henry Neal Ivey and Gilda Gwynne Ivey (née Wimberley), on December 27, 1971.

Carolyn was an avid animal lover known to adopt or care for numerous animals whether it was horses, dogs, cattle, or the occasional barn owl. She was a championship barrel racer and horsewoman with over 400 trophies to her name. She worked for Citizens Bank in Cameron and attended the First Baptist Church of Cameron until she moved to Bryan, Texas. She worked for Texas A&M University and was also a student while raising her three daughters alongside her husband. She loved being a fightin’ Texas Aggie but finished her degree at the University of Texas at Dallas due to a relocation for work. She went on to receive several graduate degrees from Amberton University while she worked for the University of Texas at Dallas in the Office of Sponsored Programs. She later moved to the University of Houston Downtown campus where she was the Director of the Office of Sponsored Programs before retiring in 2015, with approximately 30 years of State University Administration.

In retirement Tom & Carolyn traveled heavily visiting most of the states in the United States and attending the Texas Rangers baseball games and spring training as season ticket holders. Carolyn also greatly enjoyed visiting her friends and family, but above all she loved being a wife, mother, and as of 2018 a grandmother. She and Tom enjoyed 51 wonderful years of marriage.

Carolyn was a natural mother and was completely adored by her three daughters, Kelly, Rebekah “Becky”, and Tommi. She was their stubborn, feisty redhead, very strong, loving, kind, understanding, beautiful hero, and best friend. Carolyn was very active in her daughters’ schools and became close with all their friends. She often had adventures with her girls going on spontaneous day trips, cross country road trips, or just going down a random road to read a historical marker. She had the best laugh and a smile that could light up a room. She never let anyone feel alone and she never met a stranger. Carolyn practically adopted everyone and became their second mother. She was often easily recognized by her scent alone as she wore a distinctive perfume that all those close to her knew.

As a grandmother she became overjoyed with a new little granddaughter. When she became ill in 2019 her granddaughter was a large motivating factor for her to become well and return home. An army of cousins, friends, her siblings, and in-laws visited her and helped her have the strength to fight to come home. She gained four more precious years with her family. She was a tough fighter. Life will not be the same without her here.

She is predeceased by: her parents, Betty and Frank LaDelle Silvey, her in-laws Henry and Gilda Ivey, her nephew Billy Joe Silvey, several aunts and uncles, and cousins.

She is survived by: Her Husband, Thomas Ivey, Daughters: Kelly Marie Ivey, Rebekah Renee Ivey, girlfriend Virginia, and Tommi Michelle Ivey,

Granddaughter: Tommie Marie Ivey, Honorary Daughters: Victoria Malone (née Nottingham), Jennifer Minor (née Dyer), and Linda Salzar. Sister: Linda Diane Jenkins (née Silvey), husband Paul, Brother: Henry Dell Silvey, wife Debbie, Sister-in-Law: Rebekah "Gwen" Truxal (nee Ivey), husband Daniel, Nieces: Sabrina Silvey, Jennifer Talbot (nee Truxal), husband Lance, Nephew: Shane Silvey, Great Nieces: Alyssa and Briana Johnston, Great Nephews: Chase and Caden Silvey, Daniel Talbot. Great Great Niece: Serenity Smith, Aunts: Dorothy, Faye and JoAnn Davidson, numerous cousins, and friends.

Pallbearers: Harvey Weathers, Henry Owen Davidson, Lloyd Davidson, Lance Talbot, Deallen Gaston, Daniel Truxal, Cyler Davidson and Shane Silvey.

Honorary Pallbearers: W.T. and Henry Dell Silvey, Gilmer and Ronnie Gaston, Joe Bill Weathers, Ricky Joe, Kirkland, David, James, and John Davidson, Paul Jenkins, and Jerry Heitman.

A funeral service will be held at 10:00 am on Friday, July 7, 2023 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale. Burial will follow in Minerva Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please send donations to:

Minerva Community Cemetery Association

Linda Jenkins

8525 County Road 306

Rockdale, TX 76567

or

Aggieland Humane Society

5359 Leonard Road

Bryan, Texas 77807

Cemetery Details

Minerva Cemetery

761 County Road 232 Loop
Minerva, TX 76567

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale
1041 West Highway 79
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Tribute Wall

CL

“ I'm sorry to hear about Carolyn. I had the wonderful pleasure of working with her at UTD in the Office of Sponsored Programs. She had such a zest and excitement for life. Carolyn had a smile and laugh that warmed your heart and I always enjoyed hearing about her adventures (sports, hunting, NASCAR) and her family. When I moved back to Texas from Colorado and started working at Rice I was looking forward to seeing her at the regional NCURA meetings but she had retired the year before I came back. To Tom and the girls, I'm sorry for your loss and pray you find comfort in the incredible memories of a truly wonderful woman.
Cindy Lueb

Cindy Lueb - July 11, 2023 at 02:41 AM

CL

“ For some reason today I had this nudge to google search Carolyn. I had the pleasure of working with Carolyn at UT Dallas and was able to get her to leave her academic department and join me in the Office of Sponsored Projects. She was a pleasure to work with and I enjoyed many laughs with her. The last time I saw her was at a NCURA meeting in San Antonio. I was at working at a university in Colorado and she was at UHD. She and Tom filled me in on their girls and life. You three girls were her pride and joy and Tom was the love her life. I always admired her love and zest for life. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.
Cindy Lueb

Cindy Lueb - July 08, 2023 at 06:53 PM

TI

Thank you. Mom was very special and so much fun to be around.

Tommi Ivey - August 03, 2023 at 10:34 AM

DC

“ We are so sorry for your loss prayers for all your family. David and Vicky Cummings

David & Vickie Cummings - July 07, 2023 at 01:40 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Carolyn S. Ivey.



July 06, 2023 at 09:50 AM

LW

“ Tom, I'm so sorry to hear about Carolyn. God bless you & I'll be thinking about you. Lynn Weems

Lynn Weems - July 06, 2023 at 09:34 AM

KA

“ Kelly Talbot and Marlene Allen purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Carolyn S. Ivey.



Kelly Talbot and Marlene Allen - July 05, 2023 at 11:08 AM

TI

“ You were the best mama in the world. I always knew I could talk to you about anything. You were my heart and soul. I know you had to go, but you went out fighting. Thank you for staying as long as you could for us. I love you so very much and my daughter is so lucky to have had 4 beautiful years with you. You will always be in her life. I will never let her forget how hard you fought to be here for her. Thank you for being my mom! I know you are singing with Granny and the other angels. Until to we meet again, I love you.



Tommi Ivey - July 04, 2023 at 07:07 PM

BF

“ My memories of Carolyn are from when we were growing up. She was quite the contrast to my shy quiet self. She had a bigger than life personality. I can still see her in my mind come into a room and immediately draw everyone’s attention. Laughing, giving everyone love, being helpful, and kind. And I will forever see her on the back of a barrel horse, red hair flowing. It is a pleasure to read what an awesome life she led and all the memories she is leaving behind. Prayers and love for the family-from Buck and Barbara’s oldest daughter, Beverly

Beverly Gilliland Frantz - July 03, 2023 at 04:38 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Carolyn S. Ivey.*



July 03, 2023 at 12:30 PM



“ *Mrs. Ivey, you were a wonderful neighbor and such a sweet person. I will always remember you smiling at me and waving hello as I shouted ‘Howdy’ neighbors from a distance — May the perpetual light shine upon you— May you rest in peace— your neighbors—the Martinez family*



Grizelda Martinez - July 03, 2023 at 12:12 PM



“ *I work with Tommi, and the few times I met Carolyn I thoroughly enjoyed her presence. She had a sweet smile and I could tell she adored little Tommi . I know she will be missed by friends and family . May God provide sweet memories. Tana Chappell*

Tana Chappell - July 03, 2023 at 12:07 PM