



## Joyce Clarice Simmons Phillips

April 21, 1932 - May 26, 2021

Joyce Clarice Simmons Phillips, 89, went to be with our Lord and Savior on May 26, 2021 at St. Joseph Hospital in Bryan, Texas after a brief illness. She and her twin sister, Joy, were born on April 21, 1932 in Tipton, Oklahoma. They grew up in Orange, Texas where they graduated from Lutchter Stark High School in Orange. She married after high school to George W. Barry and had two girls, Belinda and Paula Barry. George died several years later after being treated in an iron lung for polio. Later she met and married Robert Phillips, Sr. and they resided in Tanglewood, Texas for 57 years. Six years ago, she met Bill McMullen, they have been the light in each other's eyes and hearts ever since.

Joyce had many talents and she could sell anything. She was great at cooking and her special culinary creations delighted everyone, especially her church friends. She was also a good seamstress, gardener, and she had an eye for valuable antiques that was incredible.

She is preceded in death by her parents, V.D. and Fay Ola (Richards) Simmons; paternal aunt, Ruby L. Simmons; husbands, George W. Barry and Bobby Phillips, Sr.; son, Bobby Phillips, Jr. in 1992; sister, Emily Decker; and brother, Billy Simmons and Tommy Simmons.

Joyce is survived by her mate, Bill McMullen of Lexington; daughters, Belinda

Harris of Houston and Paula Barry of Slidell, LA; grandson, Barry Byrom of Kyle; great grandsons, Houston Murphy and Hunter Byrom of Kyle; sisters, Joy McNamara of Cypress, and Carole Rankin of Euless; brother, Verlie Simmons, Jr. of Pearl River, LA; and many nieces and nephews.

Viewing will be 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Monday, May 31, 2021 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 am on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at the New Tanglewood Baptist Church in Tanglewood with a visitation starting at 10:00 am

The family would like to thank the Hospice Team at Traditional Healthcare, especially Tara; and the medical team at St. Joseph Hospital in Bryan, the nursing care she received was excellent in every way.

Joyce was devoted to rebuilding the church and her church family worked very hard in getting the church ready for her service. Donations may be made to Tanglewood Baptist Church, 11203 US 77 North, Lexington, Texas 78947 or at [tanglewoodbaptist.church](http://tanglewoodbaptist.church) or a charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Prospect Cemetery

2852 FM 696  
Lexington, TX 78947

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 31. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale  
1041 West Highway 79  
Rockdale, TX 76567  
(512) 446-5454  
phillips\_luckey@yahoo.com  
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

## Visitation

JUN 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Tanglewood Baptist Church  
11203 North Highway 77  
Lexington, TX 78947

## Funeral Service

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JUN 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

Tanglewood Baptist Church  
11203 North Highway 77  
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# Tribute Wall



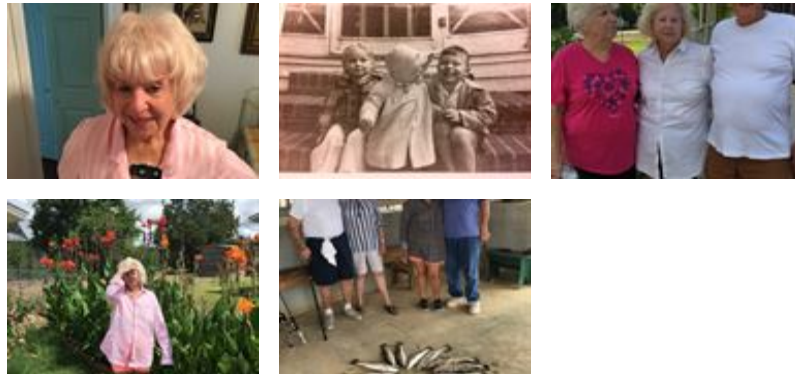
“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joyce Clarice Simmons Phillips*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - May 31, 2021 at 12:56 PM



“ *38 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - May 31, 2021 at 12:40 PM

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“ *Belinda and Paula, I'm so sorry for your loss. Your mom was sweet and especially so about sharing information on antiques. I know you'll miss her.*

Samye Turner - May 29, 2021 at 09:21 PM

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“ *Judy York lit a candle in memory of Joyce Clarice Simmons Phillips*



Judy York - May 29, 2021 at 07:34 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Joyce Clarice Simmons Phillips.*



May 29, 2021 at 05:19 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Joyce Clarice Simmons Phillips.*



May 28, 2021 at 08:10 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Joyce Clarice Simmons Phillips.*



May 28, 2021 at 07:42 PM

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“ We wanted to share our deepest sympathies with everyone who loved Joyce. Her care for, and friendship with, my grandmother made her last few years more fun and joyful, and that was just a small part of what Joyce meant to all of my family. She was a true friend and a treasure to everyone who knew her! Her kindness, humor and “sparkle”, made the world a better place, and she will be greatly missed!

*Sincerely, Lisa Hooper/Stover*

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**Lisa Stover** - May 28, 2021 at 05:13 PM

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*Joyce has been a life time living friend. We had many fun adventurous times together. Became great friends when we moved back to Tanglewood. Joyce was never doubtful . She had faith and was always sharing her love of Jesus. Rick and I enjoyed times spent with Joyce . Belinda , Paula and Barry I loved Joyce and I love you too. We will all miss her beautiful smile. One day we will Rejoice in Heaven. ❤️💕🙏*



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**Geri Reat** - July 02, 2021 at 12:20 PM