



Carolyn Marie Rich

July 22, 1939 - April 17, 2018

Carolyn Marie Shoemake Rich, age 78, passed peacefully on April 17, 2018, at her home in Combine, Texas, after bravely battling cancer for two decades. She had immense courage and strength, and was an inspiration to all who knew her. Carolyn's family was very important to her; she loved hosting and attending family gatherings. Her beautiful, caring smile was evidence of her beauty inside and out. She had a large circle of friends, made friends everywhere and enjoyed looking after others in her community. One of her passions was growing and sharing her heirloom flowers and antique roses. She enjoyed embroidering and taught both granddaughters to enjoy the skill. She instilled a love of reading in her children and grandchildren. Carolyn was loved by all and will be dearly missed.

Carolyn attended Boswell and Hugo High Schools and married Bobby J. Rich on April 27, 1957 in Boswell, OK. She worked as an office administrator in the medical field and was of the Presbyterian faith.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Stanley Clark Shoemake and Irene Jewel Stillwell.

Survivors include her loving husband Bobby Jerrel Rich of the home; son, Danny Jerrel Rich and wife Sheryl of Georgetown, TX; daughter, Tonya Rich McQuaid and husband Wayne of Wimberley, TX; three brothers, Marvin

Shoemake and wife Joann of Soper, OK, Hollis Shoemake and wife Susie of Powderly, TX, and John Shoemake and wife Sharon of Rockdale, TX; sister, Linda Herndon and husband Jimmie of Sunnyvale, TX; grandchildren, Clay Rich and wife Shelby, Callianne Deschner and husband Mark, Carter McQuaid and wife Hayley, and Carley Rich; great-grandchildren, Ava, Sadie, and Della Marie along with many cousins, nieces, nephews and dear friends.

There will be a private celebration of life for family at the Bennington Old Church Cemetery in Bennington, Oklahoma.

Flowers may be sent to Brown's Funeral Home in Durant, Oklahoma. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Cremation services are under the direction of Brown's Durant Funeral and Cremation Service.

Online condolences may be made to the family at brownsfuneralservice.com

Cemetery Details

Old Bennington Presbyterian Church Cemetery

Bennington, OK

Tribute Wall



“ Carolyn Marie Rich

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“ We have fond memories of Carolyn at the farm in Bennington. She loved to visit when we would come to the farm from Dallas. She liked to tell us how she would sit on the porch with Bob and watch the most magnificent lightening storms that were in the sky on our land right across from her land. We loved to gossip about what was going on around Bennington, even though we only knew a few people! She loved taking pictures of flowers, and was very excited to give us a picture of some beautiful flowers near our mailbox. That picture hangs on our wall in our shop in Dallas. She loved her little bird feeders perched on the fence posts, and she loved her flowers she planted near her porch. And she had such a soft heart for all living things. She loved nature and beauty. There were so many visits to our shop when she would come to Dallas and visit Baylor. She always had a smile on her face and a twinkle in her eyes, and never complained about what she was going through. She had such grace and such determination to be a fighter. We never met anyone who had such a positive and joyful attitude. She just kept smiling and sharing happy stories. She will be missed tremendously by the Veiga family....Teresa, Theresa, and Elizabeth. Going to the farm on Starnes Lane just won't be the same anymore. We will miss you Carolyn! We will feel your presence when the wind softly blows, the flowers are blooming, and the birds are singing.

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“ *I have so many wonderful memories I could share concerning my dear, sweet friend but 2 of them stand out the most. The "family" Thanksgiving dinners at the farm house, waking up to coffee brewing and bacon frying and trying to get the A&M game on the snowy television or the static filled radio. Another favorite memory is our annual Christmas Tea visits. We loved to get dressed up and have our tea and try to remember who did and did not like which sandwich. You will be fondly missed dear friend but look forward to seeing you again! Love and prayers to the entire Rich and Shoemake families.*

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“ Aunt Carolyn loved her family and her extended family and she will be dearly missed! She was always glad to see me and listened to all my stories when I would visit - about work, life and the kids. I never went home without tomatoes or flowers or a portion of something that she cooked. She would tell me stories of the old days, the good times and the hard times. Carolyn was a hard worker and a loyal employee. She was adventurous and traveled to far off places but she liked to take a country road just to see where it led. She was gracious and giving. She took what life dealt her and carried on - watching her persevere through the years was amazing. I've known her all my life, from when it was just Mama, Daddy, Carolyn, Bobby and me. I will miss her. I'll keep everyone in my prayers. God bless Carolyn and everyone in our family. Love, Dani

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