



Carol Jean Welch

March 29, 1941 - November 21, 2018

Carol Jean Welch passed away peacefully into the presence of her Savior on the morning of Nov. 21, 2018. She was born March 29, 1941, in Corsicana, Texas, and was welcomed into Heaven by her parents, Clarence Dewey “C.D.” and Maude Douglas Cates. Carol had the voice of an angel, and her family takes comfort in knowing she is now singing with a wonderful angelic choir!

Carol grew up in Wills Point and graduated from Wills Point High School in 1959. She received her Bachelors in Education from Baylor University in 1963. Later that same year, Carol began her career at Terrell ISD, teaching music and later, sixth-graders, in a self-contained classroom environment. When curriculum requirements changed, Carol taught math and remained a beloved teacher until her retirement in 1998 after 34 years with TISD.

In 1963, Carol also married the love of her life, Truman Welch, whom she met at church and knew from high school. They were married at First Baptist Church in Wills Point on June 23, 1963, and made their home in Terrell. Always active in their faith, Carol and Truman became members of First Baptist Church in Terrell where she served on a number committees. Her calm demeanor and love for expanding God’s kingdom allowed her to play a vital role over the years in the church’s growth.

While Carol loved to serve where she was placed by Him, she had a special place in her heart for singing in the Sanctuary Choir. Carol's voice was as beautiful as her smile, and she counted it a true honor to be able to worship the Lord in song.

In addition to her church activities, Carol was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma and the Kaufman County Retired Teachers Association where she served as chairperson of the Book Procurement Program (recently named for Carol in recognition of her efforts to promote literacy in local communities.)

After retirement, Carol and Truman loved traveling to all parts of the United States as well as Germany, Austria, Scotland and Switzerland. They were blessed to have their very dear friends neighbors, Ray and Donna Covington, with them on many of these trips, which made for treasured memories for both couples.

Carol never lost her love to learn, and she was an avid reader on a variety of subjects. She also had a special affinity for shopping for others, especially her children, grandchildren and friends, with many of the purchases made "under the radar" of Truman!

A true Proverbs 31 woman, Carol will be remembered as a devoted wife, loving mother and grandmother, special friend and dedicated educator. Her legacy of kindness and generosity will be cherished by all who knew her.

Carol's legacy will be carried on by her husband, Truman Welch of Terrell; daughters: Shannon Linebarger and husband, Les, of Henderson, Texas, Claire Welch of Andover, Mass.; grandchildren: Zeb Linebarger, Cates Linebarger and Chloe Hitschler; her special friend, Virginia Fineout (both shared a special bond of "sisterhood"), as well as several other extended family, church family, countless students and a host of friends who loved her

and will miss her.

The funeral service will be at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2018, at First Baptist Church in Terrell with interment to follow at White Rose Cemetery in Wills Point. The family will receive friends 6-8 p.m., Monday, Nov. 26, at Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations.

In lieu of flowers and in remembrance of Carol's love for the students she was privileged to teach, the family asks memorials be made to: Terrell ISD Excellence Foundation, 700 N Catherine St., Terrell, TX 75160 or go to <http://www.terrellexcellencefoundation.org> (<https://www.terrellexcellencefoundation.org>)>.

Cemetery Details

White Rose Cemetery

1701 Goodnight Blvd
Wills Point, TX 75169

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **26**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations
642 N Rockwall Avenue
Terrell, TX 75160
(972) 524-0881
<https://www.maxslaytonfunerals.com>

Funeral Service

NOV **27**. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Terrell
403 N. Catherine
Terrell, TX 75160
<http://www.fbcterrell.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Carol Jean Welch*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Debbie Milliken Martin lit a candle in memory of Carol Jean Welch*



Debbie Milliken Martin - November 28, 2018 at 12:04 PM



“ *Debbie Milliken Martin sent a virtual gift in memory of Carol Jean Welch*



Debbie Milliken Martin - November 28, 2018 at 11:04 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Carol Jean Welch.*



November 26, 2018 at 12:07 PM

GB

“ So sorry to hear of Carol's passing, and yet so grateful she is with the Lord. Carol's never been more alive than she is now. My thoughts and prayers go out to Truman, Shannon, Claire, and family. May the Lord bless you with His presence and peace.

Gary Baxley

Temple, Tx

(former Minister of Music/Youth, First Baptist Church, Terrell)

Gary Baxley - November 25, 2018 at 03:46 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carol Jean Welch.



November 25, 2018 at 11:43 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Carol Jean Welch.



November 25, 2018 at 11:40 AM

CA

“ Carol, was such an amazing classy lady whom I have known my entire life from Wills Point, she even sang at my Wedding, She will be missed by so very many and was such a dear, loving & thoughtful person. I'm am so sorry for your loss, will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers....

Cindy Adams

The Green House, Wills Point, TX

Cynthia Adams - November 24, 2018 at 09:35 AM

CD

“ I had the good fortune to spend some time with Carol over the years. She was such a lovely woman, and the kind of person you feel like you've known forever. Her daughter Claire and granddaughter Chloe are tributes to her. God bless, and may her soul Rest In Peace.

Cathy Daley - November 24, 2018 at 08:59 AM

LD

“ I met Carol more than a few times and she was memorable in that she was kind and caring, articulate and elegant. I am friends with her daughter Claire, and I know that Carol raised Claire with an appreciation of God and humankind and the want to always treat them with love and respect. Claire is a special woman and I attribute that to her upbringing. Sending love and prayers and peace to the Welch family. May Carol's memory be a blessing unto you.

Lisa Desberg - November 23, 2018 at 01:30 PM



“ *Rose Tribute was purchased for the family of Carol Jean Welch.*



November 23, 2018 at 12:19 PM



“ *Mrs . Welch was one of the best teachers that I ever had ! I do not remember her ever losing her temper at a student ! Great lady , and I feel assured that she is singing for Jesus now !!!!!!!*

Kenneth Boyd - November 22, 2018 at 01:46 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Carol Jean Welch.*



November 21, 2018 at 10:54 PM



“ *So sorry to hear. One of my favorite teachers ever. Prayers for you all. Lisa (Love) Kelly*

lisa kelly - November 21, 2018 at 09:14 PM

RO

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Truman, Shannon and Claire. Carol was such a special person. She was my piano teacher as a young girl and my colleague as an adult. Her smile, beautiful voice and Christian values will always be wonderful memories.*

Ramona Oats - November 21, 2018 at 09:07 PM

SM

“ *What a gal! At last she is free to fly with the angels. Such a pleasure to work with her teaching all those years and then with various groups. She was so special. May she rest in peace. Prayers for her family who mourn her loss but are happy that she is free from earthly constraints.*

Marvin & Suzy

Suzette McCook - November 21, 2018 at 08:01 PM

AB

“ *Anita Spivey Burchett lit a candle in memory of Carol Jean Welch*



Anita Spivey Burchett - November 21, 2018 at 02:22 PM

BG

“ *Very sorry to hear about Carol's passing. Mine and Linda's prayers are with Truman and the girls. I know the family will really have a void in their lives. Not only a wonderful person but a great teacher for our kids in the TISD.*

Bill & Linda Griffin

Bill & Linda Griffin - November 21, 2018 at 10:37 AM



I am sure Carol 8s singing with the Angel's. May there be God's peace and comfort to Truman, Shannon, Claire and family.
Art and Stephanie Crothers

Stephanie Crothers - November 22, 2018 at 08:13 AM