



Carolyn Brown Bailey

May 28, 1933 - March 19, 2020

Carolyn Brown Bailey passed away quietly on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at NHC of Fort Sanders, which had been her residence for several years after she suffered a series of strokes. Born May 28, 1933, Carolyn was raised by her adoptive parents, Floyd and Evelyn Brown of Bastrop, Louisiana. She attributed her perfectionism to her upbringing as the only child of parents who wanted the best for her. Carolyn was known for her love of art and music, and she was dedicated to her work with the Knoxville Opera Company. She opened her home on Cherokee Boulevard to benefit renowned musicians and vocalists and to all who supported their endeavors. A stickler for detail, Carolyn co-chaired several imaginative Knoxville Opera Balls that greatly increased the financial resources for the KOC and, along with her husband, she established the Angel Opera Endowment.

Often listed as one of the Best Dressed Women of Knoxville, Carolyn was devoted to her ophthalmologist husband, Dr. William Bailey, who died suddenly in 1994. Together, they enjoyed entertaining friends at home, boating, and traveling extensively. Following Bill's death, Carolyn continued her community activities and remained active at Church Street United Methodist Church, where she most frequently worshiped at the Wednesday Noon Service of Holy Communion. Many seminarians remember with fondness the generous Christian lady who offered them housing while they served as summer interns at CSUMC. Carolyn will also be remembered for her kind and open spirit, her graciousness, and for her love of animals, particularly her little dogs, who rarely left her side. The family would also like to say a special thank you to her close friends and caregivers, Peter Towle, Judy Hughes, Linda Dunn, Trish Massengill, Brenda Letsinger, Jennifer England, Martha Hannah, and Sarah Lewis, and the third floor staff at NHC Fort Sanders for their compassionate care of Carolyn.

A graveside committal service will be held for Mrs. Bailey on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 1:00 pm at Highland Memorial Cemetery at 5315 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, with Reverends Andy Ferguson and Jan Buxton Wade officiating. Friends may call at convenience at Rose Mann to sign Carolyn's guestbook. The family requests in lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Church Street United Methodist Church, PO Box 1303, Knoxville, TN 37901. Online condolences may be extended at www.rosemortuary.com

Cemetery

Highland Memorial Cemetery

5315 Kingston Pike

Knoxville, TN,

Events

MAR **Graveside** 01:00PM

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Comments



“ Kim Scates, Mary Hicks, Margaret Steph lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Brown Bailey



Kim Scates, Mary Hicks, Margaret Steph - March 28 at 02:05 AM



“ We were neighbors up the hill from Carolyn and Bill and I served on the Opera Board with Carolyn. We were very good friends and stayed in touch. Robert and I will always remember her sense of hilarious humor, her Louisiana expressions, her fabulous looks, and her love for Bill. They are together now. We used to flip our kitchen lights good night to each other, as they lived on a hill and we lived around the corner. And I'm sure she's having tea with Pavarotti right this very minute, with Happy Booker and all the gang. I'll miss her like there is no tomorrow and know she is with Christ, for eternity.
With deepest condolences,
Nancy and Robert Heller
San Antonio, Texas

Nancy Heller - March 21 at 11:20 PM