



## Ruth Mildred Carson

June 14, 1928 - January 15, 2013

Ruth "Ruthie" Mildred Josephine (Johnson) Carson, 84, of Tyler, Texas and longtime Brady resident, left this life peacefully on Tuesday, January 15, 2013, in Tyler. Visitation will be Friday, January 18, 2013, from 6-8 p.m. at Heritage Funeral Home in Brady. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, January 19, 2013, at Sunset Ridge Church of Christ with burial at Rest Haven Cemetery in Brady.

Ruth was born on June 14, 1928, in Kenedy, Texas, to Otto Johnson and Edith (Snall) Johnson. She married James Dale Carson on May 6, 1951 at the Fourth & Bridge Street Church of Christ in Brady. She was a member of the Sunset Ridge Church of Christ.

Ruth graduated in 1948 as a Cadet Nurse from the Nursing College at UT Austin and began a nursing career that she loved. She and Dorothy Carlson moved to Brady from Austin after graduating from college. They were classmates in Cadet Nursing School and remained friends for 60 plus years, speaking to each other daily.

Ruth worked at the Brady Hospital for 28 years, caring for the sick and comforting countless families. She delivered numerous babies before the doctor could arrive. She was also school nurse for Brady ISD for 20 years. During her tenure she handed out many band-aids and went through countless bottles of Campho-phenique. She even traveled with the Famed Brady Bulldog Band as their nurse on any trips. Ruth was loved by all her student "patients" and teachers alike.

Between her work at school and at many church camps, she was known to dispense quite a few "homesick" pills and mend many broken hearts. Ruth was always prepared to offer anyone in need a warm hug and a smile. The comfort she provided to so many and the pain she eased for others never seemed to change the smile on her face or the love in her heart.

Ruth was as concerned and helpful in her personal life as she was in her profession. Over the years she was involved with the PTA, the Band Boosters, the March of Dimes, and found time to teach Sunday School. Her 60 plus years of involvement with the Scouts was instrumental in her two sons and three of her grandsons achieving Eagle Scout Rank - an accomplishment on their part which Ruth was exceptionally proud of.

Ruth was very proud of her Swedish heritage. This was, in part, what influenced her, and her family's, decision to host two Swedish exchange students; Ase, in 1983 and Anna in 1991.

She was an excellent cook and was well known for her Swedish spritz cookies and her pound cake. She would bake 2-3 cakes a week; keeping one and giving the others away, as was her nature with everything in life - to share. Ruth loved to have her children and grandchildren in the kitchen with her and taught them all how to make her spritz cookies. And rather than buy Play-doh, Ruth made it from scratch for her grandchildren.

Ruth was recognized as Citizen of the Year in 1977, won the Distinguished Service Award in 1976, and was honored as Woman of the Year by Beta Sigma Phi Sorority in 1976.

In spite of her helpful and kind nature, Ruth wasn't one to miss out on a good prank now and then. Many couples can tell wedding day stories of Ruth being hidden in the back seat of their car as they left their wedding reception. She would be discovered miles down the road when she would reveal herself or be found, greatly amused and proud of herself for pulling it off!

Ruth never knew a stranger and touched so many lives over the years. She was truly loved by all who knew her and will be deeply missed. Her smile and laugh, however, will live on in the hearts and minds of anyone that ever knew

her.

Ruth was preceded in death by; her parents; her husband; one sister; Hannah Jacobson; one grandson; Braden Carson; and her best friend for years; Dorothy Carlson.

Survivors include: son David Carson, and wife Mary, of Irving; David's son, Christopher Carson and his daughter Taylor; daughters; Christiana Carson; Misty Bailey and her daughters, Meagan, Emily and Paige; Keri Honsinger and her daughters, Trisha, Kyra and Haley; Levonne Woody and her daughter, Peyton; and son Christopher Burns; daughter Judy Carson Lewis, and husband Mike, of Burnet, and their sons Jameson Lewis and Carson Lewis; son Billy Dan Carson and wife Jennifer, of Tyler, and their son Ancel Carson and daughter Hope Carson.; numerous nieces and nephews; patients and schoolchildren from over the years; and countless friends.

# Tribute Wall

AH

“ I loved Ms. Ruth so very much, in the year and a half that I helped care for her at Garden Estates, she became an inspiration to me! Her nursing stories and her encouragement to me are instrumental in my success in RN school. I am honored to have known her and her wonderful family! She touched my life in more ways than I can ever express! What a joy she was and will always be!!!

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**Angela Hawkins** - January 24, 2013 at 02:23 PM

JW

“ Your mother was one of my favorite people. She was always smiling and had such a sweet twinkle in her eyes. I will never forget her calling to check on me when my husband died. She gave me sound advice and offered her shoulder to cry on if I needed it. Her faith and grace shined through. She was indeed one of God's lights in the world.

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**Jo Wright-Howell** - January 24, 2013 at 11:32 AM

AC

“ My prayers with you and yours at this time. Mrs. Carson was a wonderful lady.

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**Alison Adams Comes** - January 19, 2013 at 04:36 PM

EW

“ Your Mom was such a special person. She gave the best hugs. I loved her dearly. I know a lot of people were touched by her being in their lives. She will be missed.

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**Eula Wilson** - January 19, 2013 at 01:37 PM

DF

“ You were a special person to all of us. Kent and Carrye have many precious memories.

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**Day Family** - January 19, 2013 at 01:19 PM

TM

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. When someone you love dies, it leaves an empty spot in your hearts which could never be filled by any other person. What a wonderful gift we have from God in memories. When you close your eyes, you can see and remember your mother just as she was when she was happy and healthy. Soon, in a new world of God's making, all pain, suffering and sickness will be gone forever, Revelation 21:3, 4. Hope these words bring you comfort and hope along with family and friends.

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**Tammy McCreery** - January 19, 2013 at 10:31 AM

PA

“ I worked with Ruth so many years ago while she was the school nurse. She was all that epitomizes a good nurse, Sadly, earth has lost one of its angels.

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**Patricia** - January 18, 2013 at 05:21 PM