



Judy Coker Andrews

December 19, 1940 - August 15, 2016

Judy Coker Andrews, age 75, of Dallas, Texas, passed away August 15, 2016. She was born December 19, 1940 in Hot Springs, Arkansas, to Leon and Bobbie (Randles) Coker. She grew up in Des Arc, Arkansas graduating Valedictorian class of 1958 and continued her education at Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, majoring in Math and graduating in 1961. She later went on to earn a Master of Education at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 1973. On June 27, 1961, Judy married William Campbell Andrews in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. She began teaching secondary and college math, and later transitioned to the corporate world where she enjoyed a long career at Texas Instruments and later BEA Systems and Oracle.

Judy was a vibrant, active, and intelligent Southern lady. Always up for an adventure, she enjoyed traveling the world.

Judy earned her pilot's license in 2005 at age 64 and enjoyed flying all over the country. Judy's patriotism and passion for genealogy inspired her to discover ancestors that were members of the earliest American colonies and she became a proud Daughter of the American Revolution. A great cook and story teller, she had a big laugh that made you smile. She loved life and her family.

She is survived by her son, Alan Campbell Andrews of Houston, Texas; daughter, Theresa Lee Mills of McKinney, Texas; grandchildren, Nick Mills, Drew Mills, Brad Mills and Samantha Mills all of McKinney, Texas, Alana Marie Andrews of Frisco, Texas and Melissa Hancock of McKinney, Texas; nephew, Francis Coker of Beaumont, Texas; sister-in-law, Ruby Meese Coker; and longtime companion, Bob Goss of Addison, Texas.

Judy is preceded in death by her husband, William Campbell Andrews; parents, Leon and Bobbie Coker; brother, Randle Coker.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, August 20, 2016 at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home in Allen, Texas. Interment will follow at Ridgeview Memorial Park. The family will receive friends during a visitation being held from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Friday evening at the funeral home.

Memorials

I knew Judy from high school. We attended neighboring schools and had many common interests, especially band activities. Only this past year did we reconnect through facebook and I wish we had had the chance to visit again in person. I was so sorry to hear of her passing. My condolences are extended to her family.

JUDITH TOLL-BOOHER, AUGUST 20, 2016

Attended school with Judy and Randel 1945 to 1956 I have the utmost respect for Judy and the Coker family

JIMMIE BOGGAN, AUGUST 20, 2016

My condolences to Judy's family. Judy and I graduated in the class of "58" after 12 sweet years, probably at the time the best place to ever live. Of course we all went separate ways and only visited at some of the class reunions. But through the miracle of the internet we had recently become e-mail friends which I enjoyed so much. I will truly miss her. GOD BLESS!

MARION BARLOW , AUGUST 20, 2016

How can Judy be described in mere words? Yes, I first met Judy when she and my sister, Mary Kay, were both only 4 years old - myself their senior at 6 and Judy's brother Randle the oldest at 7. Both our parents had moved to Des Arc, Ar within a month of each other in the summer of 1945 - and we all grew up living just across the street from each. The sisters became the best of friends - likewise with we brothers. Otherwise there were lots of "not-quite-agreeing" between the brother and the sister factions. Randle and I were the would-be piano virtuosos, our teacher wanted us to believe, and Randle being the older and in the next grade, was always teaching me about things like Einstein's Theory of Relativity. While the girls ? they were just being plain obnoxious, with very different ideas of what constituted "Music", resulting in literal clawing, shouting and scratching encounters. We of course all "survived" being forever-members of DAHS' first band, organized in 1954 - and

eventually graduated from high school in the years 1955, '56, '58 and '59. Three of us just turned out to be Valedictorians in our class, proving not much, with the exception maybe of Judy in 1958, which think I can recognize now. No one had any idea at the time what capacity Judy would have for Living Life to its fullest ! After graduation the two families begin to do the normal drifting apart, going separate ways, and almost totally losing contact with each other. We were brought back together at the early 1980's funeral of Judy's father, Leon Coker, the superb and disciplinarian superintendent of DAHS during our school days. But before moving on, it should be said that Judy's mother, Bobbie, was a true lady and the 'balancing' act of the family, the person who actually taught some us to love Algebra, without the basics of which I couldn't function today. I personally have only learned to love, know and really appreciate Judy in our more recent years. Maybe it was after she returned from Greece, or Egypt, or Peru? As matter of fact she contacted me, out of the blue, from Peru to let me know she had just met someone, whom she'd never known before, at the pool atop the hotel, who was from Des Arc - to prove "what a small world it really was". She went on to share news and photos from her and Bob's trip to Machu Picchu with my family's weekly newspaper. With that experience, and the occasional visits to our home town (sometimes for funerals), when she would go out of her way to make sure to stop and visit for a good spell; I was "drawn" back into Judy's life again and grew to relish receiving her emails, seeing her family photos on Facebook, hearing about her trips, etc. With the introduction of an online version of the newspaper in 2015, our 'relationship' grew further partly because she so appreciated that the paper was now online - and she was able to know what was going on in her hometown before the paper was even mailed. She, more than most anyone else, remained my main online motivator. In that regard too, I really missed her on this last trip to Africa and England. But what did she do only two days after returning last Thursday, Aug 11 ? She send me two personal emails on Saturday, Aug 13, commenting on and asking questions about articles she had just read in the Aug 11 paper online. After my reply, her second email followed

up with inquiries, and genuine interest, about the health of my 94-year-old mother and myself - plus congratulations on our starting the paper's 110th year. But, maybe one of the most important things about Judy was the uninhibited "infectiousness" and Beauty of her Smile and Enthusiasm which surely, once it was witnessed, could not be resisted or ignored by anyone. And finally, believe Judy and I proved our mutual respect for each other by not only choosing, but sincerely being able to look way beyond our political differences. Goodbye for now, my Most Fair Lady ! I will Miss You Very Much ! Charles (Sonny)

CHARLES WALLS, AUGUST 19, 2016

I met Judy on the internet (genealogy) and we became friends on Facebook. I have enjoyed the time we were able to communicate. I found her to be such a delightful, knowledgeable and vibrant person. We are distant cousins and descendants of the Fox family.

PEGGY ELLIS WHALEY, AUGUST 19, 2016

I have known one of Judy's achievements for a few years, and Alan has my respect. I wish that I could have gotten to know Judy. She sounds like an incredible woman.

MATTHEW GUEST, AUGUST 18, 2016

Judy was an adventurous and beautiful person both inside and out. I will miss her beautiful smile and her Facebook post. She was my sorority sister and I remember well what a stunning, handsome couple that she and Bill were. I am still in shock over her sudden death.,

MARILYN CRYMES, AUGUST 18, 2016

Family, HENDERSON STATE TEACHER'S COLLEGE, ARKADELPHIA, AR...WE ENJOYED A GREAT FRIENDSHIP WITH JUDITH ..SHE WAS A BEAUTIFUL LADY INSIDE AND OUT. SHE WAS A MAJORETTE IN THE BAND...AND EVERYONE ON OUR CAMPUS OF 1,500 STUDENTS ALL KNEW EACH OTHER. WE CALLED IT HENDERSON HIGH IN 1959 ~ 1960...AMERICAN BANDSTAND TYPES WE WERE...SORORITIES AND FRATERNITIES ...WE COULD HAVE MADE A MOVIE. BLESSINGS ON ALL

THE FAMILIES...PRAYERS FOR COMFORT. SHE AND I WERE THE SAME AGE... 1940 KIDS.

RONDELL HARRISON HSTC, AUGUST 17, 2016

Please accept my sincere condolences. May the love of family and friends carry you through your grief and may God comfort you as he truly knows, understands and promises to help you during this time of distress.

TRACEY, AUGUST 17, 2016

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