

Phyllis Ray Brooks



1960



The WHS 1960 class has recently lost a true warrior against cancer. Phyllis Brooks first had breast cancer over 30 years ago. Then she got bladder cancer and had her bladder removed. Then she got lung cancer. She finally lost her battle against this terrible disease on May 23, 2021. Phyllis's faith never wavered and she was always so interested in all our classmates. Phyllis came to the reunions whenever she could. Probably the best friend she ever had was classmate, Beth Freeman. Phyllis was the one who let me know that Beth had passed and commented that they both expected Phyllis to go first, so Beth's death was a true shock to Phyllis.

An obit was never in the Waco paper but several have sent me the obit that was posted on Facebook. Following is the obit:

Phyllis Ray Brooks, age 79, of Red Oak, Texas, passed away at 4:30 pm on May 23, 2021. After a long struggle with several ailments in recent years, she went to be with the Lord Jesus and is now without pain or illness.

Miss Brooks was born in Waco, Texas on March 3, 1942 to Pauline Ray and William Ira Brooks. She is preceded in death by her parents and her brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Madelynn Brooks. She is survived by her nephews, nieces, and several grandnephews and grandnieces: Chris and Stephanie Brooks, Josh and Alicia Choat (children Aria and Leo), Hunter and Lindsey Brooks, Alex and Brii Kellum, Tanner Brooks, Keith and Sally Riddle (children, Addis and Heidi), Roy and Rebecca Harsila (children: Brooks and Bodee), Ben Brooks (child: Alix), as well as by cousins in the Brooks family.

Phyllis Ray Brooks was admitted to the Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT) on November 8, 1969 in the Sterling C Robertson Chapter in Waco. Her current chapter was Cedar Mountains, District II. She had been a member for almost 52 years.

Phyllis enjoyed holidays with family, genealogy research, volunteering, working as a substitute teacher, and serving in the DRT. She loved the people of Ovilla Road Baptist Church and her work at the Veteran's Administration. Phyllis had a knack for making jalapeno jelly that she gave as gifts at Christmas time.

A memorial service will be held on June 12th at Ovilla Road Baptist Church at 2 pm. In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to Ovilla Road Baptist Church.

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Lifelong Friends – Beth and Phyllis Brooks



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