



Faye Burns

October 12, 1925 - June 24, 2016

Clydia Faye Burns, 90 of Huntsville Texas passed away June 24, 2016 in Waco, Texas. Faye was born October 12, 1925 in Dallas, Texas. She grew up in Tyler, Texas where she developed what would become a lifelong passion for dancing. She married Robert C. (Bob) Burns in 1946 and they eventually settled in Huntsville, Texas and she established Faye Burns Dance Studio.

Over the years Faye Burns touched the lives of thousands of youngsters in her community, teaching them dancing and so much more: confidence, self esteem, and the meaning of true grace. She also touched the lives of many older Huntsville residents when she and her dancers routinely performed at area retirement centers and nursing homes. Her love for children was evident in all aspects of her life. Over the years she was a dedicated March of Dimes volunteer, a softball coach, and she traveled the country with her dancers as they attended dance conventions and competitions.

Faye was an extraordinary story teller with a zest for life that was contagious. She played many roles: wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, great-great grandmother, aunt, sister, and friend; but her greatest role was being a mentor and inspiration to the countless students she taught.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Clyde Burns; her children, Barbara Faye (Babs) Preston and Robert Don (Bobby) Burns; grandchildren ,

Roni Riggs and John (JB) Hughes; great-great granddaughter, Alayah Dawn Goodman.

She is survived by her daughter, Terri Burns Cox and daughter in law, Annette Burns; her grandchildren: Niki Preston Chesson and Jeb Chesson, Austin Preston and April Hatter, Chelsea Burns Rainer and Travis Rainer, Leanna Hughes, Dennis Preston and Melanie Caskey Preston, and Stephen Preston; great grandchildren: Courtney Hughes MacTaggart and Donald MacTaggart, Roni Hughes Boidy and Tyler Boidy, Lauren Hughes, Kinlee B Chesson, Kyle Hatter, Dylan Hatter, Jordan Caskey, Tyler Preston and Brittany Preston, and Dylan Preston; and great-great grandson, Waylon John Boidy. She is also survived by her sister, Lois Doughtie, and numerous nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly.

“The world is a quieter place without the sounds of her tap shoes, but heaven truly received an angel.” --Kelly Hebert

Funeral services will be held at Saint Stephens Episcopal Church Thursday, June 30, 2016 at 11:00 am. The family will receive visitors Wednesday, June 29, 2016 from 6:00 until 8:00 pm at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. Pallbearers: Johnny Binder, Joe Nemmer, Henry Batten, Mark Nettuno, Shawn Blair, Lawrence Williams, Dennis Preston, Steve Baker, John Gaines, and Trey Wharton.

Cemetery Details

Adickes addition of Oakwood Cemetery

700 Martin Luther King Blvd
Huntsville, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
(936) 291-7300
belinda@shmfh.com

Service

JUN **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
5019 Sam Houston Avenue
Huntsville, TX

Tribute Wall



“ *Faye Burns*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Melanie Hodges lit a candle in memory of Faye Burns*



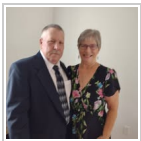
Melanie Hodges - June 30, 2016 at 04:43 PM



“ *Lots of Love & Peace to the Family...Faye's Tiny Dancers*



Karen Ann Lara - June 29, 2016 at 04:56 PM



“ *She was such lovely caring person. I took dance lessons from her for many many years I have many fond memories with Debbie Doughtie and I dancing together We were on the Don Mahoney TV show! So sorry to hear of her passing*

Candy Johnson - June 29, 2016 at 04:38 PM

LB

“ Love, Billy, Kay, Frances, Lindsay, & Ryan Bennett purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Faye Burns.



Love, Billy, Kay, Frances, Lindsay, & Ryan Bennett - June 29, 2016 at 02:00 PM

CE

“ She was the nicest person in this town.. I took dance from her until I broke my knee in 7th grade.



Charlotte Efird - June 29, 2016 at 01:10 PM



“ Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Faye Burns.



June 29, 2016 at 08:34 AM

DJ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Donna Jordan - June 29, 2016 at 12:03 AM

LH

“ i hadn't seen my Aunt Faye in a few years.. she was one my mother;s youngest sisters. its a good feeling to see how well liked she was.though her life. I already knew she was a special person. i have many good memories of her growing up..i'm sorry for your loss



Linda L Higgins - June 28, 2016 at 09:31 PM

PF

“ In 1967 When I was in first grade I left school (across street) and walked to Mrs. Burns home/studio, knocked on the door and told her I wanted to take dance lessons, I can't remember getting in trouble for that, But I did get dance lessons! I sorry for your loss.

Penny Fowler - June 28, 2016 at 05:43 PM

CT

“ Charles Doughtie, Hutto, Texas purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Faye Burns.



Charles Doughtie, Hutto, Texas - June 28, 2016 at 03:27 PM

BC

“ Faye Burns was the sweetest, most patient lady have ever met. She was an awesome dancer and instilled a love of tap dancing in me. I was a dance student of hers (like hundreds of other little girls and boys!!!!) and tapping was my favorite. God bless her soul and family! I bet she's up there in heaven tap dancing for Jesus!!

Bridget McGinty Carr - June 28, 2016 at 02:42 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Faye Burns.*



June 28, 2016 at 12:51 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Faye Burns.*



June 28, 2016 at 11:58 AM



Shannon Cathey

“ *Legendary in Trinity and Walker county. Loved her and her family*

Shannon Cathey - June 27, 2016 at 11:04 PM

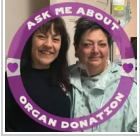


Stacey Sorsby Widner

“ *Stacey Sorsby Widner lit a candle in memory of Faye Burns*



Stacey Sorsby Widner - June 27, 2016 at 07:30 PM



“ *Deepest condolences to the family...she will never be forgotten!! ;)* ❤️



Jamie Sue Brinegar - June 27, 2016 at 06:23 PM



“ *Faye Burns was a very special lady. Both Shana and Brian took dance lessons from her. Everytime I walk down my hall, I see the dance pictures on the wall and remember the many dance performances Faye put together. It was a work of love on her part and all the kids knew that and loved and respected her in return. She will always live in our hearts. My thoughts and prayers are with Terri and all of Faye's family. Love, Marion McAdams Evans*

Marion McAdams Evans - June 27, 2016 at 05:48 PM

LF

“ Grandma Faye, as I called her among many of us young girls did, was a woman I looked up to for many years. I spent every waking (and sleeping) moment at her house with her granddaughter Roni. That home was my safe haven. That home was the only place I ever wanted to be growing up. As Roni and I would "steal" candy from Daddy Bob's Texaco Station and dance away at the dance studio I developed life long memories. Memories that I have passed on to my own daughter. This family was my family through school age and I loved them as much as any girl could love someone. I watched Meredith (now known as Nikki) grow up right before my eyes. How she followed me and Roni around EVERYWHERE and Grandma Faye would say "take your sister with you - she loves you" and of course we did! The love that woman showed me was more than anyone ever had. I am lucky to have been one of the thousands and thousands of young dancers to pass through her studio. My love for you, Grandma Faye, and for Daddy Bob and Roni Lynne will never ever die and live in my heart forever.

Leslie Fink (formerly Leslie Fisher) - thank you for loving me.



Leslie (Fisher) Fink - June 26, 2016 at 09:09 PM

KL

“ My heart is saddened by the hearing of Faye Burn's passing. I was a lucky little girl to have been taught dance by such an elegant and gracious lady. I took dance lessons from The Faye Burns Dance Studio for 12 years...beginning at the age of 3! Never will I forget Faye and the beautiful woman she was inside and out. My thoughts and prayers are with the family...and thank you sharing Faye with me...and all the tiny little dancers.

Karen Ann Lara - June 26, 2016 at 08:06 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Faye Burns.



June 26, 2016 at 07:58 PM



“ Faye Burns was more than a dance studio. She was a Huntsville institution. My girls started taking lessons in 1963 and have wonderful memories. I am sorry that other little girls and boys will not have the opportunity to learn from her. My prayers are with the family during this difficult time. Rest in peace, Faye and know that you are loved by so many in this community.

*The Jacoby Family
Art and Jeannine
Barbara
Timothy
Brenda*

Jeannine Jacoby - June 26, 2016 at 06:33 PM

MB

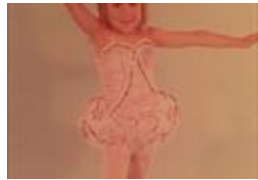
“ *Such a sweet lady. She will be missed.*



Mandy Birdwell-Carrell - June 26, 2016 at 01:17 PM

SJ

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Sheila Jeffcoat - June 26, 2016 at 03:49 AM

LH

“ *I never come to Huntsville & was there about three weeks ago. My Mom & I did some driving & I asked her to drive by Mrs. Burns home/studio. Mrs. Burns was such a great lady with the sweetest heart. I will always remember my time dancing there as a great childhood memory. I can still remember my parents dropping me off there many times & taking that walk down the sidewalk to dance class. I remember her sitting on the side stage at MPJH helping the little ones remember the dance steps to the routine. She has given lots of people many wonderful memories thru dance. Her family can rest knowing how many faces she made smile during her life. I know I did! She will be missed & her family will be in my prayers.*

Lindsay Hinson - June 25, 2016 at 11:23 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Faye Burns.*



June 25, 2016 at 09:31 PM



“ *I have such wonderful memories of Ms Burns and the dance studio. She is and will always be a legend. I am blessed to have known her. Thoughts and prayers to her family.*



Sheila Jeffcoat - June 25, 2016 at 08:26 PM



“ *Faye Burns has had a huge impact on my life and numerous others. She is a beautiful example of the power that genuine love and passion for others can have on life.*

Donna Jordan - June 25, 2016 at 11:32 AM



“ *With deepest sympathy to the family of Ms. Burns. She will be missed by all. Ms. burns was a very talented and sweet lady. I took tap and acrobat lessons from her beginning, I think in 1960. I pray God will bless you with the peace that can only come from Him. And may he be surround you with his love and healing comfort during this difficult and sorrowful time in your lives.*
Carolyn Turner



Carolyn Turner - June 24, 2016 at 11:43 PM

MW

“ Thoughts & prayers for family.



Mellicent Sikes Wiley - June 24, 2016 at 09:43 PM

JH

“ My thoughts and prayers for Faye's family. She was an amazing woman who touched so many dancers.

Jo Ann Holleman - June 24, 2016 at 06:53 PM

CB

“ Carolyn Baker lit a candle in memory of Faye Burns



Carolyn Baker - June 24, 2016 at 05:56 PM

AG

“ This saddens me, she was such a sweet lady. She will missed dearly, my thoughts and prayers with her family at this time.

April Gresham - June 24, 2016 at 05:02 PM

LP

“ Prayers and love. <3



Leslie Hoot Pulido - June 24, 2016 at 04:29 PM

TG

“ Sweet lady, taught all our little girls to dance! Prayers for the family.

Tom and Debbie Grisham - June 24, 2016 at 03:53 PM

MY

I have thought about this for a while and agree with all the comments about Mrs. Burns. But I cannot seem to describe the type of lady she was in a few words. She definitely loved children. She taught my daughter Laura Maggard and I know she loved Laura and Laura loved Mrs. Burns. I am sure she had some favorites but you could not tell it. They all sat on her lap, showed her what they could do, hugged on her and I never saw her push one away or not show interest in them. I don't have time to write a book so I will just say she was one amazing lady.

Our prayers are with you.

Mary Yates

Mary Yates - June 29, 2016 at 09:39 AM

MM

There are many times I have thought about Faye Burns, I loved to dance and she was very inspirational to me. I always thought she was so pretty and I loved going to her home/studio for dance. Just the other day, I was sweeping on my porch and suddenly thought of her. Maybe for me it was a quite Thank You, for being a part of my childhood and love of dance.

Melissa Murray

Melissa Murray - July 02, 2016 at 12:23 AM