



## Mary Carolyn Crawford Larrison

January 1, 1753 - February 10, 2005

Mary Carolyn Crawford Larrison Mary Carolyn Crawford Larrison, loving wife, mother, and grandmother passed away peacefully at her home on February 7, 2005. Carolyn was born Aug. 21, 1933 to Mary Virginia and H. O. Crawford in Huntsville Texas. After graduating from Huntsville High School she attended and graduated early from Sam Houston State University and also completed her Masters Degree there also. Carolyn was married 53 years to her High School sweetheart, Jeff Larrison. She was a longtime Home Economics teacher at Anahuac High School and a librarian at Barbers Hill I.S.D. After retiring in 1994 she and her husband returned to Huntsville where they became active members of Phelps Methodist Church. For many years she was also very involved and a faithful member to many groups which included the Outlook Club, United Methodist Women at First United Methodist Church of Huntsville, and a Circle Leader. She was also an active member of the Huntsville Garden Club and a Past President of that club, as well. Other clubs were the Huntsville Book Review, High School Alumni Association, and SHSU Alumni Association. In 1963, Carolyn was invited to join Delta Kappa Gamma Society in Liberty, Texas, where she remained a member for 40 years. She went onto become a charter member of Kappa Chi Chapter in Chambers County in 1979, where she was an Area Director. After receiving the coveted Alpha State Achievement Award, she served in many state capacities including Second Vice President, First Vice President and President for the 1985-87 biennium. Her proudest achievement during this time was her

establishment of the Delta Kappa Gamma Archives at the Mary Evelyn Blagg-Huey Library on the campus of Texas Women's University in Denton. Carolyn is survived by her beloved husband Jeff , a long-time coach and principal in Anahuac and by three children; Larry Larrison and wife Marijane of Cleburne, Leslie Larrison and wife Kathy of Hankamer, Texas and Virginia Carol "Cissy" Larrison of Anahuac, Texas. Carolyn had 7 grandchildren, Traci, Jeri, Molli, Kyle, Jennifer, Jeff, and Shelly and 3 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, H.O. Crawford, Jr. of Huntsville and nieces Laura, Carrie and nephew Craig. Services will be held at 2:00 pm Thursday, February 10, 2005 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home Chapel under the direction of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, with Rev. Gary Smithy officiating. Interment will follow at Brooke Cemetery. The family will receive friends 6:00-8:00 pm on Wednesday at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. If desired, in lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Phelps Methodist Church Building Fund, 19 Joe Novak Rd., Huntsville, TX 77340.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Carolyn Crawford Larrison*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Cissy:*

*In trying to find you, I have uncovered this tragic news of your Mother's passing. I know she meant the world to you. You held her in such high esteem, and from the looks of what her friends have shared, she was truly someone special. My very belated condolences to you and your family.*

*Michele Wagner Adams*

michele wagner adams - August 01, 2009 at 10:53 PM



“ *Dear Ones,*

*I know there are no words to say, but I am praying for God to wrap you in His arms and give you peace. Grief is a natural part of lose, but remembering the good and resting in the comfort of Jesus, will get you through. You know better than any of us what a great Lady Carolyn was. She will always be close in your heart. She had lots to be proud of with family like you. If there is anything we can do, please let us know.*

*Jimmy & Francis*

Francis Sutton - February 25, 2005 at 10:17 AM

BB

“ Dear Jumbo,  
My continued thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. You know how special she was to me. My time spent in Huntsville during my early days of working for the State were enriched by the opportunity to share time, memories and meals with the two of you. I will never forget the fried green tomatoes... Carolyn touched so many lives during her short stay. I am grateful to have been one of them.

Love,  
Barbara Baethe

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Barbara Baethe - February 21, 2005 at 10:03 PM

PW

“ Dear Coach Larrison. I just read *The Progress* and learned of your wife's departure from this earth. Just wanted to let you know that you and your wife were what I would call wonderful character builders to an awful lot of young folks in their early years. As a member of the '59 team, let me extend a big thank you for being there in Anahuac during my growing years. Although my association with Mrs. Larrison was very limited, I always figured she had to be a super lady to keep you in line. Respectfully, Pat Willcox, Anahuac HS class of 1960, retired Captain B-747-400 and retired Lt/Col USAF.

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**Pat Willcox** - February 18, 2005 at 07:48 PM

CB

“ Dear Coach Larrison & family, I still receive the *Anahuac Progress*, after all these years; and read the beautiful words and achievement about Carolyn. I remember her as a beautiful lady who loved what she was doing. She sat a wonderful example for all that came across her as the "VIRTUOUS" WOMAN described in the Bible. When I grew up, I became a secondary Art Teacher, who set high standards for others to follow, just as your beautiful wife set for all who had the privilege of knowing her. I didn't know you had retired to Huntsville. You both have a definite place of some sweet memories of my youth. May God Bless You All and bring peace and comfort to you as you face life without your beloved.

*Cherryl Clemmons Bagwell*  
Conroe, Texas

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**Cherryl Clemmons Bagwell** - February 17, 2005 at 10:41 PM

SW

“ Dear Jeff, It was a beautiful service for a beautiful lady. I never sit at my sewing machine that I don't thank Carolyn. She not only taught me to sew; she taught me to love sewing. You and Carolyn have had a life long influence on our family. Love, Shirley and Butch

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**Shirley and Butch Williams** - February 13, 2005 at 05:57 PM

PP

“ Jumbo and all of Carolyn's family.....The service for Carolyn was beautiful! Very fitting for such a sweet, beautiful person. I met Carolyn in the 7th grade when I moved back to Huntsville. What fun and wonderful memories I have of growing up with her and the other 8 girls of us that were just like sisters. Our love for each other never waned, even though we went our seperate ways. She is sorely missed by the 7 that are left. She'll be a part of each of us for the rest of our lives.

*Thank goodness for all the wonderful memories you have with her to fall back on and remember her.*

*God Bless you all. Much love. Polly Ann McCulloch Powers*

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**Polly Ann McCulloch Powers** - February 12, 2005 at 12:07 AM

CL

“ To the Larrison family:

*Speaking from personal experience (BHHS class of '87), if you had an overdue library book, there was nothing more frightening than to see Mrs. Larrison walking down the hall, cup of coffee in hand, mints in pocket, pen tied around her neck and glasses perched on top of her head! Mrs. Larrison was much more than a teacher and librarian at BHHS, she was an institution.*

*My heart goes out to you for your loss. While she may no longer be with you, her legacy will continue to live in each of you, as well as in the hearts and memories of the lives she touched, including those of her students.*

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**Cindy Lane** - February 11, 2005 at 06:44 PM

PA

“ *Jumbo, On behalf of Delta Zeta Chapter, Liberty, I send condolences to you and your family. I was able to attend the service yesterday. It was truly a service of celebration and I know Carolyn would have loved it. As "one of her girls", I felt very close to her; and I will always treasure the memories of meetings, trips, and conventions - - - even painting carpenter aprons at The Farm. I will always treasure my last trip with Carolyn. She accompanied me to the International Convention in Little Rock. We had quite a visit through East Texas, Arkansas, and back. I will be conducting a Service of Rememberance for Carolyn at Delta Zeta's meeting Monday night. You and your family are in my prayers. My love to you, Pam Ansley*

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**Pam Ansley** - February 11, 2005 at 12:19 PM

SA

“ Carolyn was the librarian at Barbers Hill High School when I was hired, and she was the loudest person in the library. She was always talking to students about what they were reading and encouraging them to read more. The library was the place to be; students loved to be there. When a teacher came into the library to ask for something, the first words out of her mouth were always, "No problem," even if it was a problem. And even when she was tired or sick or stressed out, she never complained. She was and continues to be an inspiration to me and to countless others.

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**Susan Adcox** - February 11, 2005 at 11:28 AM

TP

“ *Mary Carolyn Crawford Larrison*

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**Travis Poe** - February 10, 2005 at 05:37 PM

RV

“ *I came to Barbers Hill High School in 1989, and one of the first persons I met was Carolyn. She took me under her wing and helped to make my transition from North Carolina to Texas as smooth as possible. Without her help and guidance that year, I probably would have packed up and moved back home. She will always have a place in my heart and I look forward to the day when she will help me make my transition from earth to heaven. My deepest sympathies and condolences go to her family.*

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**Ray Viverette** - February 10, 2005 at 02:12 PM

JF

“ Mrs. Larrison will always be a part of Barbers Hill High School, the faculty, and students. Her contribution and career as librarian is enduring. God bless you.

*Barbers Hill High School Library*

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**Jennifer Frazier** - February 10, 2005 at 01:41 PM

BM

“ Our family has so many fond memories of "days gone past" involving your family. Thank God for all of our wonderful memories! We have had our own private "visitation" today as we have revisited some of those special times. Although we are not with you physically--we are with all of you in our hearts and in spirit. We offer our sympathy and our prayers at this sad time.

*Beverly Morris, Kemper, James, Leigh and Dallas Gibson*

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**BEVERLY MORRIS** - February 10, 2005 at 12:44 PM

WM

“ I was fortunate enough to know Mrs. Larrison in two settings. First of all, I knew her at Barbers Hill High School in my senior year when I helped her in the library. It was great fun. How nice it was for me to reacquaint myself with her through Delta Kappa Gamma. (Finally, I learned to call her Carolyn, but that took several years. She was MRS. Larrison to me.) Even though she was a state officer and eventually president of Alpha State, she was always so friendly and gracious whenever she saw me at Delta Kappa Gamma functions. We shared many remembrances of good times at Barbers Hill. My deepest sympathy to the family. May memories of good times shared with her comfort you all in this time of sorrow. --Wynona Montgomery

*Gamma Nu Chapter (Baytown)*

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**Wynona Montgomery** - February 10, 2005 at 11:35 AM

SB

“ I graduated from Barbers Hill in 1987. As a library-aide my junior & senior years I spent a considerable amount of time working with Mrs. Larrison. Once I got to know her she was the best teacher and nicest person I could ever hope to know. I will always cherish the time I spent working with her in the library and the kindness and understanding she showed me even when I didn't deserve it. My heartfelt condolences to her friends and family. She was a wonderful lady and will be missed by all who knew her

*Steven Baca*

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**Steven Baca** - February 09, 2005 at 11:50 PM

SA

“ I would like to express my sincerest condolences to a very special family. I have been out of touch with them since I lived in Anahuac, but they have never been forgotten. You and your family shall be in my prayers and thoughts. Sincerely, Suzannah Beasley Ayers

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**Suzannah Beasley Ayers** - February 09, 2005 at 08:34 PM

KD

“ Dear Carolyn's Family:

*In the 1970s Carolyn and I became acquainted as educators and through Delta Kappa Gamma. For several years we shared rooms together, sometimes at state meetings and sometimes at regionals, and we shared many, many gallons of coffee. I would bring the coffee pot and she would bring the coffee. That was fine until the plastic bag of coffee burst in her suitcase en route to Phoenix and she smelled like coffee the whole week. Margie Scott, who also roomed with us, used to get a little upset with us because we liked to talk long and late and Margie liked to go to bed early. One night she actually threw a pillow at us when we kept talking and talking and talking! What fun times -- and that's how I want to remember her, always with a smile on her face and always so, so proud of her family. She will be missed by scores of people because of her loving heart. I'm glad I knew her. Please accept my deepest sympathies and my most sincere prayers that your sorrow lessens day by day.*

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**Karen M. Duke** - February 09, 2005 at 08:02 PM

MC

“ *I am so sorry to hear of the death of one of the finest people I have ever known. She was such a joy to be around as I knew her through the womens' group at First United Methodist Church. She was such a gracious lady, so kind and gentle. She will be missed a great deal. My thoughts and prayers go to her wonderful family.*

*Marilyn Chumbley*

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**Marilyn Chumbley** - February 09, 2005 at 12:58 PM

DB

“ Coach, I wanted to tell you how sorry I am for your loss and to offer my condolences. I regret that I didn't get to know Mrs. Larrison better so that I could be as eloquent and knowledgeable about her and her life as the rest of the people have been here. I do know this, that all of the people who did know her, whether they knew her well or not, loved and respected her very much.

*You and your family will be in my family's prayers.*

*With much respect and love,  
Danny Williams*

*ps...I don't know if you ever realized how much I enjoyed working in the office for you and Mrs. Casey, and our long talks about Dad and the '59 team (the good ole days) late in the day. Thank you very much.*

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LM

“ I graduated from Barbers Hill in 1983. During my senior year, I was a library aide to Mrs. Larrison. It was a position, forced by my class schedule, that seemed forlorn.

*Within the first week, I discovered that Mrs. Larrison wasn't someone to be feared, but someone to be admired. Someone with a true and kind heart. She really had a generous nature. This is a rare quality that stems from the inner spirit.*

*Not many students got to know the "real" lady in the library. I did, and feel very fortunate to have done so. I remember a petite woman with more spirit and charisma than most of the students and an "I'm here if you need me" heart. A "true" heart of nothing but charity.*

*My condolences to her family and friends are sincere. This little great lady will be missed.*

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**Lisa Morgan-Huff** - February 09, 2005 at 08:24 AM

CC

“ What a joy to have known Carolyn. She is the epitome of what Delta Kappa Gamma stands for. I had the privilege of introducing her at our Area II workshop in August. How vivacious and bubbly she was, as always. A jewel is now with the Master. My sympathy to the family.

*Claire Collier, Past President, Eta Mu*

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**Claire Collier** - February 09, 2005 at 12:43 AM

JB

“ *Jumbo and family - I was first introduced (not once but several times) to Carolyn at a state convention in Houston by Bettye Mischen Dunbar, as 'Bettye's Chapter President'. For many years, every time I saw her at conventions, we chuckled when I said, "I'm Bettye's Chapter President". What a pleasure it was for me to be with this happy, gracious lady. Her vivacious spirit and love for Delta Kappa Gamma was contagious. But beyond this was the love for her family, that was evident when she shared stories. Thank you for sharing her with us. I will miss her, but will always remember the joy of knowing her and being in her presence.*  
*JoAnn Brooks, Iota Omega Chapter - Plano.*

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**JoAnn Brooks** - February 08, 2005 at 07:25 PM

DT

“ *She was a beautiful lady inside and outside. She will be missed by all who had the privilege to know her.*

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**Donna Talley** - February 08, 2005 at 06:43 PM

NJ

“ *Jumbo, H. O. and the rest of your good family. Thank all of you for the wonderful memories I have of your family. Mr. Molly and my dad played sports together long before we came on the scene. Miss Mary Virginia was so great! Then, it was H. O. and Carolyn--I love you all and Carolyn will be greatly missed by all of us. Norma Dell Jones--Lovelady, TX*

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**Norma Dell & Jerry D. Jones** - February 08, 2005 at 06:18 PM

MS

“ Dear Jumbo, Larry, Leslie and Ginny, My thoughts and prayers are with you. I am so fortunate to have been a part of your lives for a while, and you have always had my love. Your mother made such a great contribution to her community and our lives. I wonder if any of us has the ability to be so talented. Remember her as we all do...busy, happy and loving. I wish I could be with you now, but you are surrounded by those who love you. Love, Martha

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**Martha Meek Skinner** - February 08, 2005 at 05:01 PM

JA

“ From the Tree of Life each leaf must fall - the green, the red, the gold, the great, the small ... each one in God's own time He calls ..., and with perfect love He gathers all. We shall miss all of the glorious characteristics of this peppy, perky, gal who endeared herself to so many in Delta Kappa Gamma. Jumbo, may you and your family find comfort in knowing that Carolyn is with the Father-God, who created and fashioned her, and is now resting in perfect peace. . With Loving thoughts and prayers, J' Ann Payne Aman

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**J'Ann Payne Aman** - February 08, 2005 at 02:47 PM

JD

“ Perky, petite, vivacious, loveable---These are the adjectives that come to my mind when I think of Carolyn. As I became active in Area II, she was the shining example of what a Delta Kappa Gamma member should be. She was an encourager, leader, and enthusiastic bundle of joy for all of us. Alpha State has lost a wonderful leader, but Heaven has gained a fantastic angel! Jumbo and family, know that Alpha State mourns your lost and holds you all in our thoughts and prayers. We really loved Carolyn. Love, Joanne Davis,

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**Joanne Davis** - February 08, 2005 at 01:31 PM

JR

“ Carolyn was truly a living example of Delta Kappa Gamma. So gracious, understanding, always ready to listen and to aid. She will be sorely missed throughout all levels of the Society. All who had opportunity to work with her are richer for her leadership. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Jean Ricketts--Delta Xi Chapter

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**Jean Ricketts** - February 08, 2005 at 12:58 PM

JF

“ For so many years, I admired Carolyn from a distance at our state conventions. She was always the picture of elegance, pretty, petite and never a hair out of place. Then came our AC training 2 years ago and I got to be up close and personal. This precious little lively pack of energy tugged at my heart strings, challenged me and was like a cheerleader to our group. She was always smiling, eyes twinkling, laughing with us and leading us above & beyond our expectations. Our Society has lost one of the all time GREATS, a mentor and servant to so many, an angel diligently waiting in the wings to give us that special encouragement to go forth. We will treasure our memories knowing her spirit will live in the hearts of all of us who's lives she touched. May God be with us all during this very difficult time of loss.

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**Jeanne Frontz** - February 08, 2005 at 11:45 AM

RG

“ A precious porcelain doll has been taken away from us, but we must'nt regret this for The Lord had someone else in mind who needed this same doll as much as we did. Her duties in heaven are many and she is well suited for the task. We will miss her and think of her often. She was such a joy to all of us. I loved to talk to her for she was always cheerful and always had such sweet, encouraging words to say. I loved her smile and her courage. Such vitality! I will miss her. Your sorrow is our sorrow. Our prayers are your prayers.  
*Rachel Gasperson*  
*Delta Kappa Gamma*

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**Rachel E. Gasperson** - February 08, 2005 at 11:36 AM

EG

“ A small package of TNT! Carolyn was my mentor in DELTA KAPPA GAMMA , she was the one who encouraged everyone to do their best because she was giving 110%. She would talk about her Jumbo and all of her children with such love that you would love them not even knowing them. What a jewel! What an angel! Look up in the sky any night, the star that seems to be moving around is really Angel Carolyn looking for all her friends. God Bless you Carolyn and may He grant your family all the wishes you had for them. Love, Van George, the Wayward Clown, Eta Mu

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**Evangeline George** - February 08, 2005 at 10:37 AM

LS

“ Carolyn gave her wise and loving guidance to some Alpha State leadership for state personnel sessions that I attended. Of course she was always present at state conventions: elegant and fashionable, professional and competent, laughing and leading. I am so glad that I knew her.  
*Linda Somervill--Lambda Pi chapter*

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**Linda Ellis Somervill** - February 08, 2005 at 09:43 AM

FW

“ Carolyn was Alpha State President when I had the privilege of being Delta Gamma Chapter President. For me, it was an awesome responsibility and a privilege that I was not sure that I could accomplish. But, with the guidance of "the lady in charge" I must say that I learned so much and gained confidence I never thought possible. The time with Carolyn has enriched my life in so many ways and I will never forget summer before last at Area Coordinator training the creative role that she took...so much fun to be in her company and to learn from her. Your "precious one" and Delta Kappa Gamma's "treasured diamond" will always live in the hearts of her Delta Kappa Gamma Sisters. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Fannie Watson, Delta Gamma Chapter

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**Fannie Watson** - February 08, 2005 at 09:11 AM

EN

“ Jumbo, our sweet Carolyn was such an inspiration to each one of us. Her enthusiasm and zeal for life and the fun she had with everyone was a pleasure to watch. She was such a terrific friend, a good example of character, and a wonderful person to know. I will miss her sweet smile, her love for "more coffee," and her genuine interest in others. Our Society has lost a significant leader and friend. My love and best wishes to you and her beloved family. I consider it a blessing to have known her. Elinor Nichols.

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**Elinor Nichols** - February 08, 2005 at 12:43 AM

CD

“Coffee, rosemary, cooking, reading, country life, her family, her church, Jumbo's cows, the farm, laughing, "her biennium," "Carolyn's Clowns," caring for others, creativity, calligraphy, the garden club, football, SHSU, grandchildren's accomplishments, libraries, mentoring, MawMaw Larrison, teaching others to take risks, Snoopy, roses, celebrations --- Carolyn knew how to make others smile and she would stretch the hours in the day to be sure she got it right and got it finished. A very small lady with a huge heart. God created a work of art when He made Carolyn. Loving memories of a dear friend. Thank you for sharing her with so many of us. Love, Catherine Davis

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**Catherine Davis** - February 08, 2005 at 12:40 AM