



Phyllis Pinegar

October 3, 1944 - October 6, 2023

Phyllis Scott Pinegar was born in Huntsville at the old wood hospital, the oldest child, to James and Rosella Scott on October 3, 1944.

Phyllis and her younger brother Jimmy were reared in Huntsville. She graduated from High School with the class of 1962. She attended Kilgore Community College before graduating from Sam Houston University in 1968. After college she worked in Houston before being hired as a legal secretary at Walker County Title. She spent many happy years there and made lifelong friends. She married Walt Pinegar in December of 1969 and followed him out of state, until he completed his military service. They moved back to Huntsville and spent 54 years in wedded bliss.

She went to work at the Texas Department of Corrections in the Executive Director's office as an Administrative Assistant and Retired as a Legal Administrator after 28 years with the Department, again making lifelong friends.

Phyllis was an excellent cook and was known far and wide for her moist pound cakes. She lovingly labeled them as "Phyllis Pinegar's Pound Cakes" because they were so sought after at charitable events by those who had ever bought one before. Phyllis would make upwards of 30 over the Christmas season and distribute them to some of her many friends.

Phyllis was a lifelong Baptist and attended North Side Baptist church. She was also a member of a group of women known as "The Magnolias" who would gather several times a year to celebrate the different members' birthdays and other special occasions. Sometimes husbands were invited, but mostly not.

She was an avid reader having during her lifetime worn out 3 Kindle tablets and keeping Amazon Books in business. She was also a member of the Huntsville Study Club and Investment Club among others.

Phyllis and Walt were known as the perfect hosts by family and their many friends as they provided a beautiful gathering place for years on their large back porch overlooking Spring Lake. Many a good time was had for all there. Phyllis enjoyed the natural beauty of Spring Lake and lovingly made her peaceful transition watching her Houston Astros and enjoying the mornings and sunsets each day over Spring Lake.

Phyllis was afflicted with Mycobacterium Avium Complex (MAC) which affects the lungs, making it hard to breathe and causes a lack of appetite and strength. The combination of MAC and age had a debilitating effect on her health.

After spending a week in the hospital, she wanted to come home and was attended by family, friends, and Hospice until she passed away on October 6, 2023.

Phyllis is survived by her husband of 54 years, Walt Pinegar and her nephew James Michael Scott and his wife Mari and their children Danika and Matthew. Phyllis was preceded in death by her mother Rosella, father James, and brother Jimmy.

The family will receive family and friends on October 17, 2023, in the Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with visitation at 9:30 AM and the Celebration of Life Memorial Service being led by Reverend Reagan Cooksey starting at 10:00 AM. Memorial condolences to the family may be made at www.shmfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 17. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340

Memorial Service

OCT 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KG

“ We called to wish Phyllis and Walter a Merry Christmas and learned of the passing of this dear sweet woman. Our friendship goes back to Fonvilla Apt in Houston in 1973. We lived next door to this fun couple and immediately became good friends. We subsequently moved ending up in Pampa, Texas. They came up the Panhandle to attend our daughter, Stephanie's wedding. Phyllis was the loveliest person you will ever know. When she made you as a friend, you stayed one to her. Praying for you Walter as you grieve the loss of your soulmate. May the Lord stay close to you during this difficult transition. Kathryn and Wesley Green

Kathryn & Wesley Green - December 25, 2023 at 01:55 PM

ML

“ Mickey And Debbie Liles lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Pinegar



Mickey and Debbie Liles - November 10, 2023 at 03:22 AM

MR

“ Oh Ms. Pinegar, I had been calling to say hello, left a couple messages over the last 2 weeks..... I had no clue that you were no longer with us. You will be greatly missed, I will always be forever grateful to have called you my friend.

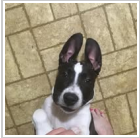
Monica Reed - October 30, 2023 at 11:07 PM

CN

“ Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Pinegar



Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb - October 18, 2023 at 04:57 PM



“ It was my pleasure and honor to know Ms. Phyllis. For over 25 years I took care of her pedicures and dealt with trying to hold her foot still long enough to do what needed done, she was incredibly ticklish! She loved her polka dot toe nails! Rest in Peace, Ms. Phyllis. My deepest condolences to Walter.

Donna Schur - October 17, 2023 at 09:14 PM

JD

“ It's impossible to describe Phyllis. She was so EASY to talk to. She made me feel like what I was saying was funny, salient, or whatever I needed it to be. There's a whole definition for her that "unique" and "wonderful" does not contain. She loved my parents, and they loved her. I adored her from a young age when she and Walter would be at our home. She was funny like no other adult I had met up to that time. I take great comfort in knowing I will see her again. What a blessing.

Jill Driscoll - October 17, 2023 at 04:00 PM

JD

“ Walter I am so sorry to hear about Phyllis, she was a sweetheart! I know you are heartbroken! 🙏🙏

Jack Douglas - October 17, 2023 at 01:22 PM

SM

“ *Walter, I am so sorry for the loss of your precious Phyllis. I remember her at a party many years ago and she was just so much fun. I will pray for strength and comfort for you.*



Susan McGilberry - October 17, 2023 at 12:38 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Phyllis Pinegar.

October 16, 2023 at 11:38 PM

LM

“ Leigh M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phyllis Pinegar.

Leigh M. - October 16, 2023 at 07:39 PM

WM

“ *Our deepest condolences. We loved Phyllis dearly and will miss her greatly. She was a very special lady that touched all our hearts. Our prayers and love are with Walt and all her loved ones. Wes & Lee Moore.*

Wes Moore - October 16, 2023 at 02:03 PM



“ *Phyllis was so very kind and thoughtful, and always brought brightness into any room. It was a pleasure knowing her. We are very saddened with her passing and our prayers go out to Walt and the family. Craig & Chrissy Wieghat*



Chrissy Wieghat - October 16, 2023 at 01:36 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phyllis Pinegar.*



October 16, 2023 at 01:33 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Phyllis Pinegar.*



October 16, 2023 at 10:32 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Phyllis Pinegar.*

October 16, 2023 at 10:32 AM

JB

“ I am so sad at the news of Phyllis's passing. I know that she had been very ill suffering for years. She will truly be missed, but she is now out of pain. I have several good memories growing up & the times I would ride to their home on Cline/Old Houston Rd with my dad. I still think of them whenever I am on that street! God Bless You, Phyllis you were loved.💕💕
Jamie Ellisor Brinegar
Huntsville, Tx



Jamie Brinegar - October 16, 2023 at 09:39 AM

SH

Blessed to have been able to spend some time with Phyllis the last couple of months telling stories of our time working at TDCJ. She was a true inspiration to all and will be missed. My heart breaks for you Walt but she is in the arms of our Father in heaven and running around in her new body giving out orders! That's our sweet dear Phyllis.....☐

Stephanie Harris - October 16, 2023 at 11:48 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phyllis Pinegar.*



October 15, 2023 at 07:24 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Phyllis Pinegar.*

October 15, 2023 at 07:24 PM

EM

“ Dear Walter, you and Phyllis have been on my heart and mind since the morning you called to tell me that our beautiful loving Phyllis was gone. I want you to know that I will forever cherish giving her my love the day before she passed. So many of us have lost a very dear friend and loyal coworker. She was full of life, fun loving, and her big hearted laugh was contagious. She was one of a kind and will be dearly missed by all who knew her. BTW, I too have her infamous Butter Pound Cake recipe & will be baking one soon in Phyllis' honor.

Much Love, Elizabeth Mullen

Elizabeth Mullen - October 14, 2023 at 09:39 AM

CD

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



carol duron - October 13, 2023 at 11:59 AM

CD

Aunt Alice and Phyllis at Susan's wedding

carol duron - October 13, 2023 at 12:00 PM

CD

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



carol duron - October 13, 2023 at 11:55 AM

CD

Manuel ,Phyllis ,Alice and me Carol Walt's cousin.

carol duron - October 13, 2023 at 12:02 PM

CD

Susan and Charlie's Wedding with Walt and phyllis

carol duron - October 13, 2023 at 12:03 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phyllis Pinegar.*



October 13, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Phyllis Pinegar.

October 13, 2023 at 10:45 AM

VP

“ *I am so sorry to hear about the loss of this sweet lady. She always had a smile on her face and a kind word. Peace and strength for the family. Phillis will be missed.*

Vicki Pledger - October 12, 2023 at 10:15 PM

WT

“ With love, Geoff & Sherry Thomas purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Phyllis Pinegar.



With love, Geoff & Sherry Thomas - October 12, 2023 at 08:59 PM

WT

“ With love, Geoff & Sherry Thomas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phyllis Pinegar.

With love, Geoff & Sherry Thomas - October 12, 2023 at 08:59 PM

JS

“ My cousin Phyllis always looked out for me! I was the baby of the Carter cousins. Every time I came she would drive me around Huntsville. I loved going uptown seeing Uncle James outside the Texan Cafe on the square! And she took me to the A & W where the college kids hung out. I was maybe 9 or 10 years old, and she took me everywhere! What a blessed person I am that she was so sweet and kind. The best Mentor ever! I love you forever Phyllis. May you rest in peace.

jean rivenbark slover - October 12, 2023 at 06:51 PM

FC

“ Walt, Polly and I were shocked to hear the news. I know there are no words to fill the void, or stop the pain, so I'll just say our prayers are with you and your family.

Bubba and Poly Carter

Fred and Polly carter - October 12, 2023 at 05:24 PM



“ After losing the love of my life I never wanted to see one of my friends suffer the same way. I am so sorry Pinegar!
Pasa

Dena Byrd - October 12, 2023 at 02:56 PM

CA

“ *Phyllis was our friend and our patient for many,many years. She was always cheerful and a delight even when her illness left her frail. She never complained.
Phyllis was bright and witty with a warm and caring heart .
We send our prayers and condolences to Walter and family,
Alex Klein MD and Clair RN*

Clair Ashcroft-Paugh - October 12, 2023 at 12:39 PM

DS

“ *Walt, we are so very sorry to hear this news and know we are praying for you and your family. Phyllis was always such a good friend and always welcomed us with a smile and hug each time we saw her. She will be missed greatly.*

Donna & Dale Story - October 12, 2023 at 12:03 PM

CE

“ *Cindi Johnson, Andy, Sarah & Evan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phyllis Pinegar.*

Cindi Johnson, Andy, Sarah & Evan - October 12, 2023 at 11:20 AM

CE

“ *Cindi Johnson, Andy, Sarah & Evan purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Phyllis Pinegar.*



Cindi Johnson, Andy, Sarah & Evan - October 12, 2023 at 11:20 AM

CJ

“ *Phyllis was more than a friend to me and especially my parents, Charley and Dorothy Shandera. She (and Walt) were family. Phyllis came into our lives in the 70's when she became my dad's secretary at the Tx Board of Pardons and Paroles. It immediately became clear that the Pinegars were destined to be friends for life.*

Dad bought my first car from Phyllis and Walter (for \$500!) but she truly became an indispensable part of our family when my sister had a near life-ending accident. Phyllis stepped in and became my surrogate mom, aunt, big sister. And she stayed that to me the rest of her life. Our friends became Walt's and her friends. We celebrated the joys and lamented the sorrows over the years, together. Once you were part of Phyllis' world you were set.

Her devotion to friends and family was endless. She and Walt hosted our wedding shower on the lake, she never missed a birthday or anniversary of ours with either a card or a phone call. I am beyond heartbroken that she's no longer with us but know that she'd been suffering for years in spite of the very brave face she showed. Now that suffering has ended. Our love and prayers are with her partner for life, Walter, and the other love of her life, her nephew Michael, and his family. The world is a little greyer and gloomier with her light extinguished. What a privilege to be able to bask in that light in my life.

Cindi Shandera Johnson - October 12, 2023 at 11:07 AM



“ Walt, I was saddened to hear about your wife, my cousin, Phyllis. What a wonderful and generous soul. Sending my thoughts and sympathies to you and your family. - Ike Waller

Ike Waller - October 12, 2023 at 10:26 AM



“ Walt I am so sorry to hear about Phyllis. My deepest condolences. I will keep you and the family in my prayers.

Doug Harvey - October 12, 2023 at 07:43 AM



“ Walt, Elaine and I join others in expressing our sympathy for your loss. Phyllis worked in the TDCJ Executive Director's office where she greeted and received every individual with the highest degree of respect and professionalism. Outside the office and during later years after retirement wherever our paths crossed her kindness would be exhibited. I scanned some of the comments and expressions herein stated, suffice it to say, many others experienced the beauty of Phyllis' soul. May you be further comforted when reading how she touched those with whom she came in contact. Charles and Elaine Smith

Charles and Elaine Smith - October 12, 2023 at 12:50 AM



“ Walt
I just found out about Phyllis and I so sorry to hear about your loss. I saw her this spring at HEB and we had a long visit.
I wish you well Walt
Mark Chalker

Mark Chalker - October 11, 2023 at 09:25 PM

KH

“ I shared an office with Phyllis at TDCJ. for many years. It was a pleasure knowing her. She was always smiling and had a wonderful disposition. She was very kind and thoughtful to everyone. We are very saddened with her passing and our prayers go out to Walter and the family.



Kathy Hall - October 11, 2023 at 09:14 PM

DB

“ We were saddened to learn that our good friend Phyllis Pinegar had passed away. She was a wonderful person whose mere existence brightened our world. We take comfort in the knowledge that she is no longer suffering and that she is enjoying the company of her Maker. Our sympathies are extended to Walter Eugene.

Dan and Donna Beto - October 11, 2023 at 08:44 PM

DP

“ One of the most lovely members of our HHS class. All the way through school and beyond. She was a thoughtful and exceptionally kind friend during those growing up years. I loved her poise and graceful beauty. My sympathy to all of her family and friends. She will be missed.

Doris Phelps - October 11, 2023 at 07:49 AM

MC

“ Phyllis always greeted you with a smile and a kind word. Never too busy to take a moment to ask how you are doing. Sending prayers for the family for their loss of such a sweet lady. ~ Mona and Bill Cheatham

Mona Cheatham - October 11, 2023 at 06:36 AM

CS

“ Charles L. Smith lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Pinegar



charles I. smith - October 11, 2023 at 01:08 AM

CA

“ Phyllis was such a wonderful and beautiful lady. What a great role model. I really enjoyed working with Phyllis. So sorry Walter. Heaven has a beautiful angel!



Cheryl Acosta - October 10, 2023 at 08:50 PM

DM

“ Phyllis was a gracious lady with the kindest heart. Rest in peace sweet friend. You will be missed. Your kindness blessed everyone
❤️

derril mitchell - October 10, 2023 at 08:44 PM

DB

“ Phyllis was an amazing woman ! Your sweet and loving personality will be greatly missed. Prayers for eternal sunshine and happiness

Donna Baker - October 10, 2023 at 08:00 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phyllis Pinegar.*



October 10, 2023 at 06:40 PM



“ *Walt, I feel your loss and love for this lady. Phyllis had a hug and laugh that would last till the next time you saw her, because they were big, and sincere and I will miss them terribly. I can remember back when they bought their home in Spring Lake and Phyllis and I worked all day for several days scrubbing the wall down and pulling up carpet because the last homeowner was such a heavy smoker, it was hard work, but being with her and seeing the look on her face, talking about what she was going to do to that home was worth it. She never forgot your birthday are any occasion! that you didn't receive a card and a phone call. We took several trips together and had a blast. I could write a book about this SWEET FRIEND!! and all the thing we did and got into, over the years. Walter, I am hoping you can hold on to all of the sweet memories she left you and it will help you get through, the tuff days ahead. Just know you will be in our thoughts and prayers.*



Edd & Terry Artherholt - October 10, 2023 at 02:31 PM



“ *Such a beautiful and incredible soul ... always a kind and encouraging word, always an easy laugh ... you just looked forward to being with her! Blessings for peace and comfort, Walt ... my prayers and empathy* ❤️

Debbie Van Dukd - October 10, 2023 at 01:13 PM

DD

Debbie Van Dyke

Debbie Van Dyke - October 10, 2023 at 01:14 PM

JC

“ *Janice And Ronnie Choate lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Pinegar*



Janice and Ronnie Choate - October 10, 2023 at 12:36 PM

ME

“ *Phyllis was one of my outstanding classmates in the HHS Class of 1962 and a super neighbor in the Spring Lake Estates community. I will miss her and her special pound cakes she shared with me on several occasions. Hornet Hugs to Walt!*



Mickey S. Evans - October 10, 2023 at 12:18 PM

MG

“ *Walter, I am keeping you in my thoughts and prayers. So sorry for your loss.*

Martha Grisham - October 10, 2023 at 12:12 PM

MG

“ *Martha Grisham lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Pinegar*



Martha Grisham - October 10, 2023 at 12:08 PM

MH

“ *My prayers to the family and friends of Phyllis Pinegar for comfort, peace, and healing form our Lord.*




Marvin Hyvl - October 10, 2023 at 10:50 AM

CW

“ *Cheryl McLaughlin Washington lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Pinegar*



Cheryl McLaughlin Washington - October 10, 2023 at 12:07 AM


Charlotte
Efird

“ *Charlotte Efird lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Pinegar*



Charlotte Efird - October 09, 2023 at 10:42 PM

RK

“ *Ramona Koch lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Pinegar*



Ramona Koch - October 09, 2023 at 08:57 PM