



Sybil O'Bera Vick

November 7, 1925 - March 25, 2016

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Sybil O'Bera Vick was born to Marcus Victor Heath and Clyde Oree Heath on November 7, 1925 in Huntsville, Texas. She passed away on Good Friday, March 25, 2016 in Huntsville.

Sybil is survived by her daughter, Dr. Christina Vick. She was preceded in death by her husband of almost seventy years, Dr. George Vick, their daughter Adrienne Vick, her parents, and various aunts and uncles.

Sybil had a unique childhood and teenage years growing up at the Goree Women's Prison farm where her parents were warden (a position then called captain) and matron in the 1930s and 1940s.

She graduated from Huntsville High School in 1943 where she met her future husband, then one-year teacher, George Robert Vick. They had a wartime wedding on Christmas Day 1943. She was eighteen; he was twenty three.

While George served in the United States Army mostly in the European theater, Sybil worked toward a bachelor's degree at Sam Houston State Teachers College—later Sam Houston State University—and earned a master's degree in education in the 1950s.

Sybil and George had a lifelong love of music, beginning with lessons with sisters Miss Louise and Miss Inez Powell. They passed on this love to their daughters, each of whom took piano lessons with Miss Louise for a number of years. Sybil and George sang in Huntsville's historic first production of Handel's *The Messiah* at Sam Houston's Old Main auditorium on the evening

of December 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor Day. In light of the terrible events of that day, the choir thought no one would come; instead, the house was packed. Sybil and George sang in many subsequent productions of *The Messiah* over the years and also sang with the Bach Choir. For nearly forty years, Sybil and George had season tickets to the Houston Grand Opera, and they enjoyed many musical productions at SHSU from their young years to their senior years.

Like her husband, Sybil was a born teacher. When George began a doctoral program at the University of Oklahoma in the late 1940s, Sybil taught preschool on the campus. For thirty years, she taught fourth grade at Grace Raymond Elementary School in the Aldine School District, until her retirement in 1990. For decades she also taught Sunday school classes at the Huntsville Church of Christ. She and George—who taught mathematics at SHSU for forty five years—were very active in their retirement, especially in their beloved church and the local chapter of the Texas Retired Teachers Association, among other organizations.

Sybil and George were also avid travelers, visiting many American states, Canada, Great Britain, the USSR, Hawaii, Japan, China, Morocco, Crete, Rhodes, and every European country.

Sybil Vick's memorial service will take place on Tuesday, March 29 at 10:00 a. m. at the Huntsville Church of Christ, followed by a graveside service at the Adickes Addition of Oakwood Cemetery in Huntsville.

Full obituary may be viewed and memorial condolences made to the family at www.shmfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **28**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

MAR **29**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Huntsville Church of Christ
3737 State Hwy 30 W
Huntsville, TX 77340

Interment

MAR **29** (CT)

Adickes addition of Oakwood Cemetery
700 Martin Luther King Blvd
Huntsville, TX

Tribute Wall



“ *Sybil O'Bera Vick*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Ms. Vick was my fourth grade teacher in 1966, I think. She was a most wonderful teacher and human being. I wish I had stayed in touch with her over the years. She made a great impact on my life. Those five years at Grace Raymond taught me more than all the others combined. What a great school to start ones life. I hate that I missed of her passing but know she was well loved by me and so many more. -Kent Robinson 4th grade glass of 1966-67..... I think!*

Kent Robinson - February 06, 2019 at 11:03 AM



“ *Christina,
My heartfelt sympathy goes out to you, dear friend. My memories of your mom were the many sleepovers we had and the quiet Sunday afternoons we spent going to the movies or listening to music. My prayers for you but we rejoice that they now get to sing in the heavenly choir.
Love,
Karen King Womack*

Karen Womack - March 30, 2016 at 10:29 AM

MG

“ We are sorry for your loss. Our Mother's carpooled together for years to Aldine from Huntsville. We lost Mother in September, so they will have a great reunion in Heaven.

Prayers from the family of Doris Lowery - Lewis, Webster, Golden, Gregory and Lowery families

Mary Lynn Golden - March 29, 2016 at 03:09 PM

DS

“ CHRISTINA, I AM SO SORRY TO LEARN ABOUT YOUR MOTHER, SHE WAS ALWAYS SO SWEET EVERYTIME I SAW HER . MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU, I KNOW HOW HARD IT IS . DIANE POOL SMITH

DIANE POOL SMITH - March 28, 2016 at 05:35 PM

JS

“ Farewell to a great lady and a beautiful soul. May she rejoin George for an eternity together. Condolences and love to her family. --John Warren Smith

John Warren Smith - March 28, 2016 at 10:16 AM

WF

“ Will, Linda Vick & Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Sybil O'Bera Vick.



Will, Linda Vick & Family - March 28, 2016 at 08:55 AM

MB

“ So sorry to hear of Sybil's death. I taught across the hall from her for many years at Raymond. She was such a sweet lady and a dedicated teacher. She rarely missed a day of school even when the weather was terrible. I don't know how she car pooled from Huntsville all those years.

Marchel Brennan - March 27, 2016 at 10:47 PM

CW

Sybil possessed special qualities of leadership that were recognized as an elementary school student. She inspired her students for excellence at Grace Raymond Elementary School during her career. I was privileged to have been a friend and member of Sybil's Huntsville High School class of 1943.

Clark Wilson

Clark Wilson - March 29, 2016 at 08:27 PM