



Sally Randolph Pitts Carstens

April 9, 1932 - March 2, 2018

The Rite of Burial of the Dead with Holy Eucharist will be celebrated for Sally Randolph Pitts Carstens at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at St. James Episcopal Church with The Rev. Deborah Heathcock officiating and assisted by Rev. Carl Rand Carstens, Jr. Interment will follow in Greenwood Memorial Park under the direction of John Kramer & Son Funeral Home.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until time of service Tuesday, March 6, 2018 in the Parish Hall of St. James Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Carstens died peacefully at home with her family at her side on Friday, March 2, 2018. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Carl Rand Carstens, children Mary Louise Carstens Hopson and husband David Carlisle Hopson of Dallas, Texas, Rev. Carl Rand Carstens, Jr., and wife Marilyn Doster Carstens of Memphis, Tennessee., William Schnack Carstens, Sr., and wife Beth Metrejean Carstens of Alexandria, Joe Pitts Carstens of Alexandria, seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

A lifelong resident of Alexandria, Mrs. Carstens was born April 9, 1932. She was a 1950 graduate of Bolton High School, where she was named to the Campus Court. She was graduated in 1954 with a B. A. degree in Elementary Education from Newcomb College of Tulane University, and was a member of Chi Omega Fraternity. She taught in the Rapides Parish public schools and was Director of and Kindergarten teacher at St. James Episcopal Church Day School. She also served on the board of Alexandria Country Day School at its inception.

A loyal, caring, and tireless volunteer, Mrs. Carstens was a member of the Junior League of Alexandria, and received the Sustainer of the Year service award. She also was a member of the National Society of Colonial Dames of America in the State of Louisiana, The Poets' Circle, Town & Country Garden Club, Chi Omega Alumnae, and the Brown Bag Book Club. She was a parishioner and dedicated volunteer at St. James Episcopal Church, where she played in the bell choir for many years.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Alice Clay Roberts Pitts and Joe Wise Pitts, Sr., and her brother, Joe Wise Pitts, Jr.

A friend to many and enemy of none, she loved her family and friends, travel, music, cooking and entertaining, animals (especially her cats), and the color red. She will be

remembered for her legendary deviled eggs and brownies, and olive sandwiches with the grandchildren.

The family wishes to express its appreciation to the professionals at Southern Medical Staffing and Aime Hospice Care for their compassionate care.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. James Episcopal Church, 1620 Murray St., Alexandria, La., 71301, or a charity of one's choice.

Cemetery

Greenwood Memorial Park

2202 Military Hwy

Pineville, LA, 71360

Events

MAR **First Visitation** 09:00AM - 11:00AM

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St. James Episcopal Church

1620 Murrary St, Alexandria, LA, US, 71301

Comments



“ Mrs. Carstens was my kindergarten teacher from 1973-1974 at St. James. I still remember what a warm and loving teacher she was and how much I enjoyed the garden we planted. I have remember her over the years as my favorite teacher and I will continue to remember her as one great lady! Mary Gremillion-Kaiser, Houston, Texas

Mary Kaiser - March 28, 2018 at 03:51 PM



“ To the wonderful Carstens family:
Sally was a fine, kind interested & interested woman. I know how much she will be remembered by the lucky ones who knew this beautiful gracious Southern belle. Her influence in her children's upbringing is very evident in the service and intelligence of my friend, Mary Louise. Sally was a loyal friend to our mother, Alice. Prayers of love and hope for all the family. Caroline Vornberg

Caroline Vornberg - March 09, 2018 at 02:28 PM



“ Interesting - personal and informative obituary for Sally.

Caroline Vornberg - March 09, 2018 at 02:29 PM



“ Dear Carstens Family,
The Faculty, Staff, and Board of Trustees of Alexandria Country Day School send their sincere condolences at the loss of Mrs. Sally. We have a picture that was taken when ground was broken for the main building on the current school site. Mrs. Sally was on the Country Day Board of Trustees at the time and is front and center in the picture. It is our understanding that she played an important role in the opening of our school at its inception and served tirelessly as the school continued to grow. We are indebted to visionaries such as Mrs. Sally for their progressive thinking as they saw the need for a school with a rigorous curriculum to meet the needs of students in Cenla who wanted more than the basics. We appreciate what Mrs. Sally did for children throughout her life. What a legacy she left!
Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.
Sincerely,
Nancy Rials
Head of School
Alexandria Country Day School

Nancy Rials - March 05, 2018 at 09:10 PM



“ Sally was a friend too special to ever be forgotten, a wonderful person and the very essence of a Southern lady. My prayers are with CR and all of the family. Janie and Ed Finlay

Janie Finlay - March 05, 2018 at 05:42 PM



“ Scott Bankston and the Bankston family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Sally Randolph Pitts Carstens.



Scott Bankston and the Bankston family - March 05, 2018 at 11:05 AM



“ I knew Mrs. Carstens through the Library during the years she was over the Preschool at St. James. She was a delight to know and she will be missed. My thoughts are with the family as they make this final trip with her.

Lois Grant

Lois Grant - March 05, 2018 at 08:22 AM



“ Pitts, you and all the family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Susan Gremillion West

Susan Gremillion West - March 05, 2018 at 01:47 AM



“ Dear Uncle Carl Rand, my Carstens cousins, and your families, I'm so sorry to hear of Sally's passing, and my thoughts are with you all. Beautiful, and gracious Aunt Sally was both a loving sister to my father and a loving aunt to me and my siblings, as well as my godmother. I am grateful for the time I was able to spend with her and your family during my younger years in Alexandria. I will treasure the memory of her.

With love,
Ashley Pitts

Ashley Pitts - March 04, 2018 at 11:48 PM



“ Sally has a special place in my heart. She will be missed!

Peggy Trotter - March 04, 2018 at 09:16 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sally Randolph Pitts Carstens.



March 04, 2018 at 08:58 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Sally Randolph Pitts Carstens.



March 04, 2018 at 05:12 PM



“ Mrs. Carstens is among my earliest memories of life at St. James and has always been one of my models of grace, beauty, and humor. Her beautiful soul has a special place in my heart, and she will be missed.

Heather Sterling - March 04, 2018 at 03:01 PM



“ Miss Sally was always a friend to any child crossing paths with her children. I will always remember her sweet smile and laughter. You all are in our prayers.
Love,
Bobby and Susan Smith

Susan Smith - March 04, 2018 at 02:09 PM



“ Sherry and Robert Wilson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Sally Randolph Pitts Carstens.



Sherry and Robert Wilson - March 04, 2018 at 11:44 AM



“ WHEN SOMEONE YOU LOVE DIES, YOUR MEMORIES BECOME TREASURES.

LISA MERVILLE KRIZE

LISA MERVILLE KRIZE - March 04, 2018 at 08:25 AM



“ Our deepest condolences to the family of Sally Carsten, and especially to her husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her passing will be mourned by many, as the account of her accomplishments demonstrates a very full and rewarding life. We know that void will be impossible to fill, and so we shall keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers in the days and weeks ahead.
With deep affectiion, Dianne & Hervey Priddy

Dianne & Hervey Priddy - March 04, 2018 at 02:02 AM