



Carolyn Irwin Hickson

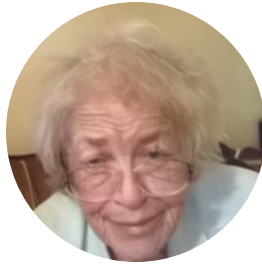
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Carolyn Irwin Rhodes Hickson, age 83, of Fayetteville, Arkansas passed away Friday August 19, 2016 in Rogers, Arkansas. She was born December 13, 1932 in Fayetteville to Paul Taylor Rhodes Sr. and Eugenia Joseph Rhodes. She was of the Methodist faith. She is survived by her brother, Paul Taylor Rhodes Jr. and his wife Ann of Batesville, Arkansas; niece, Ansel Ponder and her husband Drew of Batesville, and her dearest friend/former student, Kitty Gaines Maas (husband Dana) of Fitchburg, Wisconsin, who was like a daughter to her. Carolyn attended and graduated from Fayetteville High in 1950, and went on to earn her Bachelor of Music at University of Arkansas, Fayetteville in 1954. She continued her education in Bloomington at University of Indiana, studying with her ultimate mentor, the acclaimed concert pianist and teacher Sydney Foster. She married and moved to Ontario, Canada, before returning to Fayetteville to continue work on her Masters degree at the University. She received her degree in 1966, and was ultimately hired as professor for the music department in Fayetteville. There she taught piano, music theory, class piano, piano pedagogy and other classes. She began work on a doctorate in 1981 at University of Iowa. She returned to Fayetteville to continue her duties as professor there before she retired in 2011. Her students meant the world to her. Besides her music, Carolyn loved and amassed a very large collection of dolls. She had great interest in history and politics, and was a staunch and supportive Democrat. She was always learning about the health benefits of vitamins and yoga, and loved great literature and art. Reading was a passion, and she had books near her all the time. Her dogs Fritz and Hanon, and her beloved birds and squirrels, were her friends who gave her many hours of great joy and comfort. Visitation will be 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm Wednesday August 24, 2016 at Moore’s Chapel in Fayetteville. Memorial service will be 5:30 pm Wednesday at Moore’s Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the Carolyn Hickson Piano Scholarship Fund, U of A Foundation c/o



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KM

Kathryn Maas posted:

My deepest gratitude to the friends, colleagues and caregivers who attended Carolyn's memorial service, and to those who remembered her with flowers and donations to the scholarship fund. I also want to thank Robert and all the staff at Moore's Chapel; their impeccable and caring service was such a comfort during this difficult and stressful time. I would welcome any further remembrances or connections by email. Warmest regards, Kitty Gaines Maas

August 27 at 7:00 PM

NJ

Nel/Eldon Janzen posted:

As I read through the tributes and comments about Carolyn, I'm thinking "Any or all of us should be so lucky as to merit such outpouring of adulation and compliments that Carolyn's life engendered" AND WELL DESERVED! Our own story is one of caring for one of her students . I am reminded of the biblical account of a Savior that, tho charged with the welfare of many, expressed his concern of one that had strayed from the flock. It reflected a sense of duty and courage that few of us would possess. She had the will to fulfill her obligation to each and everyone that passed into her classes, be it to succes or failure, Carolyn shepherded each and every student to the end. I do not know if Carolyn was a religious person, but I am confident that the God our religion will welcome her to a position of importance, looking out for each and every "sheep in the flock left on earth"! Thank you Carolyn.

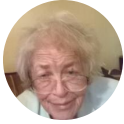
August 23 at 7:00 PM

DJ

Diane Johnson posted:

Carolyn was the very definition of a strong, independent woman, but I am glad I got to know her also as a caring and generous soul. I treasure the hours we spent discussing vitamins and minerals with a little U of A politics and philosophy of life thrown in for added spice. I hope there is a good supply of vitamin C in heaven!

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Anonymous posted:

Eric Wiggins you said it all! Carolyn was pretty scary when she would look at you over those big glasses (which she was still wearing after all of these years)! It took me awhile to figure out that all she wanted was for us to really KNOW everything she did. Writing the fingering in every note of a Beethoven Sonata took hours, but you knew the form, the theory, the rhythm and the melody of the piece once the fingerings were written on that music. And none of us will ever forget the HANON exercises! Yes, Carolyn they worked. Turning around with your back to the keyboard and reciting the notes, and sometimes fingering, for a piece was excruciating, but I never forgot that piece! Years later I taught those same pieces to students and used many of her same techniques. Yes, Carolyn, your method worked! Most people didn't know about her doll collection or that she also loved teddy bears and Christmas! One of her biggest treasures, literally, was her old old car! Carolyn was a lover of good coffee and we had a small coffee pot in her studio and I would make coffee at the beginning of our lesson while she was outside smoking a cigarette. Carolyn and I continued to stay in touch the past twenty years after we left Arkansas and did, indeed, have many heated discussions about politics on the phone. As we know, you couldn't win a debate with her, so I just listened. Something tells me Carolyn is leaning back in a desk chair with a cigarette and a cup of hot coffee listening to someone play "the right note at the right time at the right place". Rest in sweet peace my old friend. Ladonna Woods, Westlake, OH Contact Me

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AT

Anne Thomas posted:

For 38 years, Carolyn and I have lived with our backyards touching each other. My daughter Catherine, born in 1981 became fast friends and champions of Carolyn and her mother Eugenia. Carolyn was not one to be easily wooed. She took her time sizing you up, deciding whether she would let you into her life. Once she decided you were 'okay', you were totally in! She was a staunch advocate anyone lucky enough to be called friend. She had your back! She had an incredible intelligence, and was not shy about her opinions. She enjoyed passionate discussions and the driest, most wicked humor and could throw out satirical one liners for hours! One of my favorite memories is of a large, gray homeless kitty. She knew that Catherine and I had cats. So when this stray walked into her life, she came to us, fretting about him. She had never had a cat and thought she was allergic to them. We gave her a quick tutorial on felines, and secretly smiled, knowing that animal lover that she was, this cat was hers forever. Catherine and I had just seen the musical "Cat's" and he was named Gustapher. Her original plan was that she would feed and water him, and let him sleep on her back porch, but when Winter came calling, Gus became a true house cat. They were a fine pair, and obviously adored each other. It was a true love story. The day that Gus died, is one neither Catherine and I will never forget. She came to our front door crying, and in such distress that we just opened our arms to her. I treasure this moment, for I knew that the bond that we had was truly a loving friendship. I will miss our long hours on the phone. I miss her razor-sharp intelligence and steely sense of humor. I will miss exchanging Christmas cards and gifts. For the last 20 years, I have given her huge bags of bird and squirrels food. Much appreciated by her, and when I decorate my Christmas tree, I will cry when I hang the beautiful ornaments she gave us. I am grateful that she got to live out her life at home, and that her death was an easy one. Most of all, I will miss her presence here on Earth. Rest easy Caroline, my friend. I am privileged to have known and loved you.

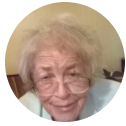
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KM

Kathy & Stephen Mastalerz posted:

My husband, daughter and I came to know Carolyn for the past 8 years. We rented a house next door to her on Washington Ave. She was passionate about her backyard wildlife sanctuary, we enjoyed watching the many birds and squirrels that camped out in her backyard. She was so knowledgeable on so many subjects and had her definite opinion on many a topic. At the end of the day if she ever thought you needed her help she was right there with her special dose of concern and compassion. She was one of a kind and we will miss her, Rest in Peace Ms. Carolyn

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EW

Erick Wiggins posted:

What a jewel of a lady and what an incredible teacher. She will be missed. RIP, Dr. Hickson. The woman with the stop watch necklace She knew music well A teacher of the finest form Expectations hot as hell Pianist and theory teacher Her room filled with the sound Of melodies from memory And every genre to be found I met this woman As a lad of a man Just starting on my road She gazed at me Above the frame Of the glasses on her nose She clicked the silver button The ticking time bomb on Can you name the notes that fast In time with the metronome? Backwards, forwards, up and down How well do you know Don't think, they should come naturally! Like the way that music flows At first I didn't get it I couldn't understand That she was teaching me To command, not to be bound The things in life That are learnt so well We begin to recognize The sound, the feel, the smell It's as if the thing becomes you Second nature takes the wheel Then not just reading music But freedom to make it feel My pedagogue of music theory Investor in my IPO Your ROI meant more to me Than you could ever know Thank you Carolyn Hickson May you forever Rest in Peace Erick Wiggins, August 23, 2016

August 22 at 7:00 PM

JG

Jim Greeson posted:

Carolyn was a valued colleague in the music department for many years. She was a passionate and strong willed woman. She will be missed.

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EM

Eddie Mcneal posted:

Mrs. Hickson was my freshman Music Theory teacher 45 years ago. She was knowledgeable, dedicated, and very fair. Enjoyed seeing her off and on around town all these years since. Sincere condolences to family and friends.

August 21 at 7:00 PM

SE

Sandra Escobedo posted:

I was one of Ms. Carolyn fill-in caregivers. She was very knowledgeable on various subjects from politics to religion. Last time I saw her was about 3 weeks ago, we watched the Hilary Clinton Campaign. See you again one day Ms. Carolyn.

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DC

Denele Campbell posted:

Oh dear Carolyn, what a strong woman. She felt the music in her bones and had no patience with slackers. I feel lucky to have known her. A well deserved rest now.

August 21 at 7:00 PM

SJ

Susan Moore Jackson posted:

Her office was across the hall from my viola instructor so I saw her on a regular basis. I loved that she collected the same dolls as I did and was a little jealous that she had some of the Madam Alexander dolls I was missing for sets!

August 20 at 7:00 PM

MH

Mary Haley posted:

My prayers are with her family including all of her many many students.

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Carolyn by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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