



Ruthe "Tutu" L. Corbin

January 18, 1941 - February 16, 2026

Ruthe "Tutu" L. Corbin, age 85 of Tyler, Texas, passed away on Monday, February 16, 2026, while under the care of The Hospice of East Texas. She was born on January 18, 1941, in Fort Smith, Arkansas to the late Otis and Reva (West) Corbin. Ruthe had recently moved to Tyler and was previously a longtime resident of both Orlando, Florida and Fort Smith, Arkansas. Ruthe lived her later years as a loving Christian Homemaker and had earlier retired as a Licensed Practical Nurse and was the owner operator of an industrial cleaning supply company. In her spare time Ruthe enjoyed karaoke, gardening (especially orchids), reading, and volunteer work. She was active in the American Legion and Active Aging in Orlando, Florida. She was preceded in death by the love of her life, Al Johnson, brothers, Arnold and David Corbin and sisters-in-law, Frankie Tobin and Jenevia Corbin.

Ruthe is survived by her daughter, Patti Jones and husband, Clayton of Tyler; brothers, Vanis Corbin of Trophy Club, Texas and John Corbin and wife, Peggy of Falling Waters, West Virginia; sister, Nancy Helms of Denver, Colorado; sister-in-law, Celeste Corbin of San Antonio; granddaughter, Chrystan Edens and husband, Buddy Miller of Orlando, Florida; great grandchildren, Zoe Edens, Landen Edens, and Ivy Miller; and by numerous nieces, nephews, and other loving family members and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

In Lieu of flowers the family has asked that memorial contributions be made to The Hospice of East Texas, www.hospiceofeasttexas.org, or to the charitable

organization of your choice.

Tribute Wall

CH

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Chrystan - February 19 at 04:31 PM

PJ

Love this very much. Her grands were her favorite people in the world.

Patti Jones - February 20 at 12:18 AM

ST

“ *She treated me like family from the very first time we met! She was a blessing and a kind person!! I'll miss you, Tutu!!!*

Sunshine Tyson - February 19 at 12:38 PM

PJ

She loved you very much.

Patti Jones - February 19 at 07:19 PM

DF

“ *I so enjoyed accompanying Sister Ruth on the piano when she would sing her beautiful solos at Lockwood Missionary Baptist Church. I treasure those memories.*

Dr. Tyler Fisher - February 18 at 01:09 PM

PJ

Thank you so much, she loved to sing to the Lord. She can sing to him everyday now.

Patti Jones - February 18 at 03:43 PM



“ *I met Ruthie at the American Legion Post 242 in Orlando where we were both members. It was great being her friend and boy could she dance and sing! Love you Ruthie. I bet your dancing with Big Al.*

Diane Munn - February 18 at 11:48 AM

PJ

She loved you so much, thank you for being a great friend.

Patti Jones - February 18 at 03:43 PM

CB

“ *My first memories of Ruth was when Patti and I were in 1st grade at Mill Creek Elementary school in Fort Smith. She was a homeroom mother and was at our elementary schools, Mill Creek and Carnall, for all special events! She loved all of us kids and was a very compassionate and kind lady! She will be missed! I am praying for Patti and her family during this difficult time, and her reunion with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! We Love You!!*



Charles E Bartlett - February 18 at 11:18 AM

PJ

Those were the days. Can hardly believe that she did all the things she did for so many.

Patti Jones - February 18 at 03:45 PM

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Zoe Edens - February 18 at 09:16 AM

PJ

She loved her Zoe and all her Grands.

Patti Jones - February 18 at 03:46 PM

PC

Sweet picture, Zoe ❤️

peggy Corbin - February 18 at 06:31 PM

TE

TuTu loved and cherished her family

Tina Edens - February 19 at 10:18 AM