



Imogene White Holmes

July 26, 1927 - March 3, 2013

Funeral services for Mrs. Imogene White Holmes, 85, of Henderson will be held at 2 pm Wednesday, March 6, 2013 in the chapel of First Baptist Church of Henderson with Dr. David Higgs officiating. Interment will follow at Memory Park Cemetery in Longview under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 6-8 pm Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home. Mrs. Holmes passed from this life on March 3, 2013 at her residence surrounded by her loving children. She was born July 26, 1927 in Mt. Pleasant to the late Joseph Benjamin and Loy Raney White and has lived in Henderson over the last forty years. She began playing the piano at age seven and graduated from Mt. Pleasant Senior High School ranked third in her class. Imogene then attended Baylor University and received her Bachelor's degree in Music with a double major in piano and vocal public school music. While at Baylor, she was a member of Phi Beta Mu music fraternity. Imogene married Bill Holmes on May 1, 1953 and later received her Master's Degree in Education from Stephen F. Austin State University. Mrs. Holmes was one of forty-six teachers in her family and taught music in seven schools across Texas which included Longview, Midland, Atlanta, and Henderson. Over her thirty-four year tenure in the Texas Public School System she had several sweepstakes choirs and many students that advanced to the State Solo and Ensemble Contest in Austin as well as the TMEA All-State Choir in San Antonio. Mrs. Holmes was a member of Texas Music Educator's Association (TMEA), Texas Choral Director's Association

(TCDA), and Kilgore Music Teacher's Association and served as pianist, organist, and soloist at several local churches. She played in the Kilgore Keyboard Orchestra as well as for her Sunday School class, and she sang in the choir at First Baptist Church in Henderson. Imogene formerly served as chairman of the Henderson Piano Guild and was Queen Mother of her Red Hat Society. She taught private piano and voice lessons and was a frequent judge for vocal, choral, and piano contests and festivals. Her hobbies included genealogy, computer, reading, walking, traveling, and her children and grandchildren, and she loved Blue Bell ice cream. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Holmes. Survivors include: daughters, Kathryn Rice and husband John, Nancy Cowan and husband John, and Linda Harrell and husband Mark; grandchildren, Brandy Hopper, Kristen Smith, Kaitlin Rice, Zach Rice, Lauren Harrell, and Kathleen Harrell; and great-grandchildren, Ciara Hopper, Eryka Hopper, and Mariya Hopper. Pallbearers are Chad Dean, Bob Baker, Aaron Barnes, Brandy Hopper, Zach Rice, and Ferrell Dorsey. Honorary pallbearer is Philip Hoffman. Memorial donations may be made to the First Baptist Church Henderson Music Dept., 207 W. Main St., Henderson, Tx 75652. Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Previous Events

visitation

MAR 5. 6:00 PM (CT)

Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 S. Main St
Henderson, TX 75654

Tribute Wall

MB

“ Linda and family, So sorry for your loss...I have many good memories of spending time in your home during high school and your Mother was always so kind. Keeping you and your family close to my heart and in my prayers...

Margaret (Green) Brown - March 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ We wish to express our heartfelt sympathy in the lose of Ms. Imogene. She sat next to me in choir at First Baptist Church for many years and also had our children in choir at HHS, Jo Ellen & David Toon. We appreciate her love for music and all that she did for the community. Our prayers will be with you at this time. Love in Christ, LaNell & Troy Toon

Troy & LaNell Toon - March 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Nancy & Linda and family; My heart grieves for you and your family. Thank you for sharing your mom with us, her students. I learned more about music under her tutorship than my 4 years of piano! She will be missed by many but we know she is rejoicing with her Savior!

Cindy Benson Clifton - March 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Sorry to hear of Imogene's passing. She and Bill were a special part of my early life in Longview. Morris Brock

Morris Brock - March 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Condolences to you, Kathryn, and your family. I enjoyed Imogene's company at TMEA and TCDA many times. She was cheerful and full of fun. May you have many pleasant memories to sustain you.

Joyce Hughes - March 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Our heartfelt condolence to the family of Mrs. Imogene Holmes. We will never forget her. Our family will always remember her especially our children...Jamia, Kevin and Hannah who Mrs. Holmes has thought their piano lessons since they started learning their basics.. We are grateful and thank her a lot for her kindness and patience in helping them develop love and appreciation of music. May she rest in peace and please know that Mrs. Imogene has touched the lives of our children forever. Thank you .

Tony and Jackie Francisco - March 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ Deepest Sympathy to your family. Ms. Imogene will be missed greatly. She was always witty. She bought many music items from me. She watched me grow up as I watched her grow older. She always spoke of her children and grandchildren very fondly. There was never a dull moment when she was around! Many hugs to each of you! She brought plenty to me. Renea L PhillipsMundt Music LLC

Renea - March 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Please accept my condolences in the loss of Mrs. Holmes. My prayers are with the families left to cherish her memory.

Jamie Skelton - March 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ So sorry for your loss. However, I have some very fond memories that I cherish. Jumping over your fence, state choir practices at your home, and Dan Young and I being told to "HUSH!" I am thinking of you all!!!!

joe mcgehee - March 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

YD

“ My prayers are with the family, may God be beside each and everyone of you during this sorrowful time. She will be remembered by many.

Yvonne (Nix) Dunlap - March 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ My memories of your mother are fond ones. I shall always think of her with warmness in my heart. She is a great lady. She led a life of purpose , elegance and grace. My prayers to her family for comfort.

Sandie (Glover) Ellis - March 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Mrs. Holmes was such a sweet and committed woman who taught me much more than music. What a wonderful woman , she will be greatly missed. My deepest condolences.

Madison Thrasher-Smith - March 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ I was so sorry to hear of Mrs. Holmes' passing. Concert Choir was a huge part of my high school life and it was all because of her. She was like a second mother to me and I loved her. She was kind, funny, and so patient with us all. Thank you for sharing her with us. She will be missed.

Sonya Van Sickle Warren - March 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Loved this Lady....She was so devoted to music. I learned a lot from her in Henderson High School.My thoughts and prayers are with the family.We will see her again..In ChristLinda Dunn Reneau

Linda Dunn Reneau - March 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Miss Imogene taught my grand-daughter Alexis Brunner for several years. She will be missed.

Karen & Gerald Roy - March 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Dear Family,May the Lord be with you all during the time of loss. Mrs. Holmes was a very dear lady & will be missed. I had the pleasure of having her as my choir teacher all 4 years of high school in the early 80's. What wonderful memories I have!! She was an wonderful teacher & truly cared about her students!! I also had the pleasure of singing with her in the FBC Sanctuary Choir as a young adult. As you all know your loved one touched many lives during her life & I for one will never forget her. Love In Christ,Debbie Ashby Payne

Debbie Ashby Payne - March 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ I have known Kathryn and her children for several years. They are wonderful loving christian people. Kathryn always has a smile and a kind word. I worked with her for many years and she is a fine teacher. I know that a mother who raises someone as special as Kathryn had to be a very special wonderful person as I am sure Imogene was. God bless each of you at this time. May your memories give you comfort and joy.

Dianne Talley - March 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DY

“ Dear Nancy, Linda and Kathryn I am so sorry to know that your mother passed away . The same situation already happened to me and I knew how painful it was. Please be strong and try to cope with this difficult moment for your kids. Your mother had a large impact on my life and I never forgot that! Please accept my deepest sympathies. My love and sympathy to you and your kids,

Dan Young - March 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM