



## Mrs. Margaret Dorian Hillin

October 12, 1923 - March 15, 2026

Margaret Dorian Beidler Hillin passed away peacefully on March 15, 2026 at the age of 102, after a long and well-lived life. She witnessed more than a century of history and change.

Margaret was born October 12, 1923, in Yuba City, California, to Harold and Jessie Beidler. She grew up nearby in Marysville on a commercial peach ranch owned and operated by her parents, where she and her brother enjoyed a happy childhood rooted in family and the rhythms of ranch life. Coming from a musical family, Margaret developed a lifelong love of music at an early age. She studied piano and voice and especially enjoyed singing operatic arias. She attended Yuba City College and during the years of World War II served her community by driving a local school bus.

While living in California, Margaret was introduced to John Hart Hillin, DDS, shortly before he departed to serve with the Army in China during World War II. The two shared a mutual love of classical music and opera, which became the foundation of their relationship. They corresponded for several years before marrying in 1948 at Carmel-by-the-Sea, California.

Following their marriage, Margaret and John moved to Shreveport, Louisiana, where he partnered in a dental practice. Soon afterward they relocated to

John's hometown of Henderson, Texas. There he established his dental practice, and Margaret worked alongside him in the office for many years, helping build both the practice and the life they shared in Henderson.

Margaret devoted herself to her family and was a loving mother to their two sons. She was known as a wonderful cook and gracious homemaker and maintained many interests throughout her years. Her hobbies included singing, sewing, painting, and refinishing antique furniture.

For many decades Margaret was a faithful member of First Presbyterian Church of Henderson, where her faith and the friendships she formed were deeply meaningful to her. She also sang in the church choir for many years, an activity that brought her great joy.

Margaret and John retired in 1987 and enjoyed several years of retirement together until his death in 2000. Margaret's long life leaves a legacy of faith, family, and memories that will be cherished by those who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved husband; and many other special family members and dear friends.

She is survived by her sons John Bruce Hillin, DDS and wife Tammy, and Robert Lee Hillin and wife Nancy. She is also survived by her grandchildren Ryan Hillin, Mitchell Hillin and wife Dorian, Dana Gillespie and husband Austin, Tiffany Simpson, and by great-grandchildren Daniel Gillespie, Ari Sciba, and Baby Hillin arriving this fall.

The family expresses sincere appreciation to the staff of Pine Lodge for the compassionate care they provided Margaret during the last several years.

Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Henderson, the Alzheimer's Association in memory of her husband, or Rusk County Pets Alive.

Pallbearers will be Bill Hammons, Raymond Nope, John Taylor, Jim Witt, Tom Cheatwood, and John Tieken.

Visitation will be held Saturday, March 21, 2026, at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of First Presbyterian Church in Henderson. Funeral services will follow at 2:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary, with entombment following at Rusk County Memorial Gardens under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Rusk County Memorial Gardens

5013 US Hwy 259  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 21. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church  
311 S. High St.  
Henderson, TX 75654

## Service

MAR 21. 2:00 PM (CT)

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311 S. High St.  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Margaret Dorian Hillin*



**Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home** - March 19 at 03:33 PM

JH

*My sweet sweet Mrs. Hillin. I'm so sorry I just found out. John, I truly enjoyed getting to know and love your mama in the short period I was able to help care for her. She was such a light. Her quiet but funny sense of humor will be something I never forget! What an incredible life this lady lived! Will always love your mama!*

**Jordan Hawkins** - March 23 at 05:04 PM

AM

*So sorry to hear about your Mom! She was so smart, talented, kind and had a great sense of humor! She was such a great friend to my Mom, Dorothy Box. My prayers are with your family! ❤️🙏*

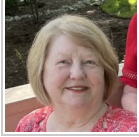
**Annetta Box Magee** - April 15 at 06:10 PM

DF

“ *Daniel Flanagan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Dorian Hillin*



**Daniel Flanagan** - March 24 at 06:23 PM



“ *Beth Turner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Margaret Dorian Hillin*



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**Beth Turner** - March 24 at 04:37 PM

KB

“ *Kim Brooks lit a candle in memory of Margaret Hillin*



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**Kim Brooks** - March 21 at 12:45 PM

DF

*Bruce, my deepest condolences go out to you and your family*

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**Daniel Flanagan** - March 24 at 06:27 PM

SC

“ *Oh I was sorry I just read this and missed the funeral. One of my favorite patients! She was a lovely lady who I enjoyed so much. She will be missed* ❤️

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**Sherri Wendl Clague** - March 21 at 12:20 AM

JC

“ *My deepest sympathy to all of you.*

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**Jimmy Culp** - March 20 at 01:18 AM

DF

“ *David and Mary Fullen lit a candle in memory of Margaret Hillin*



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**David and Mary Fullen** - March 19 at 11:25 PM

BH

“ *Brent Hale lit a candle in memory of Margaret Hillin*



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**Brent Hale** - March 19 at 10:51 PM

BP

“ *Prayers for family during this difficult time  
Prayers for Doctor Hillin*

*Beth Hale Pope*

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**Beth Pope** - March 19 at 09:59 PM

GW

“ *Gary Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Margaret Hillin*



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**Gary Wilkerson** - March 19 at 09:56 PM

GN

“ Thoughts and prayers are being sent to the family of Margaret Hillin.....When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure...May it be comforting to you to know that others care. Love, J. Paul and Glenda Nelson.



Glenda Nelson - March 19 at 04:00 PM

JC

“ James & Carol Chambless lit a candle in memory of Margaret Hillin



James & Carol Chambless - March 19 at 11:41 AM

CB

“ Colleen Briggs lit a candle in memory of Margaret Hillin



Colleen Briggs - March 19 at 11:41 AM

NH

“ Nancy Herrington lit a candle in memory of Margaret Hillin



Nancy Herrington - March 19 at 08:52 AM

CW

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Your mom had a wonderful, long life and she will be missed. Praying for comfort.



Cyndi Walker - March 19 at 08:47 AM

KC

“ kim Cobb lit a candle in memory of Margaret Hillin



kim Cobb - March 18 at 09:25 PM

LT

“ Liz&Ricky Thrasher



Liz Thrasher - March 18 at 08:55 PM

MG

“ Mark & Nancy Gibson lit a candle in memory of Margaret Hillin



Mark & Nancy Gibson - March 18 at 05:54 PM

DW

“ Have many wonderful memories of Margaret with the choir ❤️ and playing the handbells. Trips to Mo-Ranch and Galveston were more fun with her along. Still can't stand the cucumber sandwiches but loved her chocolate pie. Prayers to the family.  
Debbie Wasson



Debbie Wasson - March 18 at 05:29 PM

KF

“ Keith & Mary Fuller



keith fuller - March 18 at 05:20 PM

NR

“ Nelwyn Richardson lit a candle in memory of Margaret Hillin



Nelwyn Richardson - March 18 at 04:01 PM

NH

“ Nancy Harris lit a candle in memory of Margaret Hillin



Nancy Harris - March 18 at 01:57 PM

BC

“ *Brenda Clifton lit a candle in memory of Margaret Hillin*



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**Brenda Clifton** - March 18 at 01:57 PM

DS

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. Sending our thoughts and prayers to the entire family.*  
*Debbie and David Stafford*



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**Debbie Stafford** - March 18 at 09:47 AM

KH

“ *Mollie & Ken Hale*



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**Ken Hale** - March 18 at 09:00 AM

ED

“ *Elaine Davis lit a candle in memory of Margaret Hillin*



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**Elaine Davis** - March 18 at 08:24 AM

SL

“ John and family, I am so sorry for your loss.  
Your mom was an amazing lady . Sending  
prayers.  
Susan Russo Lingle



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**Susan Lingle** - March 18 at 01:52 AM

SM

“ Shirley Mayo lit a candle in memory of  
Margaret Hillin



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**Shirley Mayo** - March 17 at 10:58 PM

KP

“ Kathy Porter lit a candle in memory of  
Margaret Hillin



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**Kathy Porter** - March 17 at 10:37 PM

CN

“ Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb lit a  
candle in memory of Margaret Hillin



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**Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb** - March 17 at 10:07 PM

SJ

“ Stephanie Hardy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Margaret Hillin



Stephanie Hardy Johnson - March 17 at 08:49 PM

SR

“ Suzanne Reed lit a candle in memory of Margaret Hillin



Suzanne Reed - March 17 at 08:12 PM

CB

“ Cindy H Belcher lit a candle in memory of Margaret Hillin



Cindy H Belcher - March 17 at 07:01 PM

TM

“ Todd & Paige Matlock lit a candle in memory of Margaret Hillin



Todd & Paige Matlock - March 17 at 06:41 PM

KB

“ *Kay (Fears) Bateman lit a candle in memory of Margaret Hillin*



**Kay (Fears) Bateman** - March 17 at 03:52 PM

CK

“ *Chris and Linda King lit a candle in memory of Margaret Hillin*



**Chris and Linda King** - March 17 at 02:55 PM

CC

“ *Chris and Lisa Cavaliere lit a candle in memory of Margaret Hillin*



**Chris and Lisa Cavaliere** - March 17 at 02:10 PM

GK

“ *Gene Kelsey lit a candle in memory of Margaret Hillin*



**Gene Kelsey** - March 17 at 01:27 PM

LC

“ Robert, I am praying for you and your family during this difficult time.  
God Bless you with comfort and strength.

Lisa Corbell  
Longview, TX

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**Lisa Corbell** - March 17 at 12:51 PM

HM

“ Hal and Rosa Martin lit a candle in memory of  
Margaret Hillin



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**Hal and Rosa Martin** - March 17 at 12:10 PM

MC

“ I am deeply sorry for your loss and am praying for peace for your  
family. Mrs. Hillin was always such a positive soul, she always had a  
smile, no matter what she may have been going through. It was  
such a joy to take care of her, while I was at Pine Lodge. May her  
memory bring peace to all those who loved and knew her. Melisa  
Cunningham

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**Melisa Cunningham** - March 17 at 11:46 AM

JC

“ *What a beautiful life she lived—102 years of love, memories, and grace. She was truly a blessing to all who knew her, and her legacy will continue to live on in the hearts she touched.*

*May you find comfort in knowing she lived a long and meaningful life, filled with moments that mattered. Sending prayers for peace, strength, and comfort during this time. She will be deeply missed but never forgotten.*

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**Jerrie k Culpepper** - March 17 at 11:34 AM

CK

“ *Cathy Green Kovschak lit a candle in memory of Margaret Hillin*



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**Cathy Green Kovschak** - March 17 at 09:18 AM

CF

“ *Cliff and Krista Furtick lit a candle in memory of Margaret Hillin*



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**Cliff and Krista Furtick** - March 17 at 08:58 AM

BG

“ Praying for peace and comfort for family and friends. Loved visiting with Mrs. Hillin, sweet lady will be missed.  
Bonnie Geddie



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**Bonnie Geddie** - March 17 at 08:40 AM

JS

“ Our prayers are with you all in the loss of precious Margaret. She was one special lady and we will always remember and cherish our times together with her and John. I will never forget my trips to Mo Ranch where she was indeed the life of the party! Rest in peace, sweet “Margene”!

Jan and Roger Spann

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**Jan and Roger Spann** - March 17 at 07:48 AM

BM

So sorry for your loss. I will cherish the times we knew her at Pine Lodge. She was a sweet lady and had a sweet family that showed her lots of love. Praying for all in this time for the comfort and peace that only God can give everyone. Love Becky Miley

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**Becky Miley** - March 17 at 10:21 AM

SL

I have so many memories of Margaret. She and my mother were very close friends and spent many Sunday afternoons with all their Presbyterian ladies in each other's homes catching up on the week's news and, dare I say, gossip. What a great group of strong Christian women! My deepest sympathy, but also great joy at such a long life well-lived. Love, Shirley Grubbs Latham

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**Shirley Grubbs Latham** - March 18 at 02:50 PM