



## Mrs. Pat Bridges

March 5, 1941 - March 7, 2025

A Celebration of Life service for Mrs. Pat Bridges, 84, of Henderson, will be held at 2:00pm, on Friday, March 14th at First Methodist Church of Henderson, officiated by Rev. Mike Mayhugh. Family and friends are invited to gather in the Great Hall from 12:30-1:30 to share memories and offer condolences.

Pat possessed an extraordinary gift for uplifting those around her, always recognizing the beauty in all things. She embodied a remarkable talent for recognizing the positive aspects in situations that others overlooked, making everyone she met feel valued and adored. Pat was gifted with an exceptional, angelic voice that resonated deeply with all who had the privilege of hearing her sing, leaving an indelible mark on their hearts. She had a unique talent for encouraging and seeing the potential within each person, often illuminating qualities they themselves were unaware of. Her warmth and compassion will be profoundly missed but forever remembered in the lives she touched.

Pat graduated from New London High School as Valedictorian of her class, attended Stephen F. Austin State University where she was a loyal member of the Pine Burr sorority (now Chi Omega), played the oboe and twirled for the Lumberjack Marching Band. After becoming the head Twirl-O-Jack in 1960, Pat revolutionized the dance-twirl style by crafting routines that mirrored the music's moods and rhythms. Her innovative approach gained regional

recognition, attracting aspiring Twirl-O-Jacks who sought to master her unique style before auditions. After marrying Jerry Bridges in 1961 and stepping away from performing, she was invited by Jim Hudgins to serve as SFA's "twirlographer," where she continued to choreograph and sponsor for several years. Pat was also a talented vocalist and starred in numerous Cultural Entertainment Series productions at Stephen F. Austin and later joined the Tyler Civic Chorale.

Mrs. Bridges passed away on March 7th in Henderson. She was born on March 5, 1941, in Eldorado, Arkansas to the late Jay Brown and Ora Lea Griffin. Mrs. Bridges lived a life characterized by her strong faith, love for her family and friends. She had a passion to perform, and everlasting dedication to music ministry. She was the owner of The Music Box studio and taught the Yamaha system and had private piano and voice lessons. She began her career teaching music at Montgomery Elementary of Henderson, then West Rusk High School. Director of Music; First United Methodist Church of Henderson and Pollard United Methodist Church of Tyler. Later, she was called to continue sharing her passion for music as the role of Middle School Choir Director at Henderson ISD, where she served hundreds of young lives. Her extraordinary talent and passion for the arts, allowed her to connect deeply with countless lives, creating lasting memories, and friendships.

Pat was also a devoted member of the First Methodist Church of Henderson and sang in the church choir.

In addition to her parents, Pat was preceded in death by her brother, Jerry Griffin, and her sister, Joan Bridges. She is survived by her husband, Jerry Bridges, of Henderson; her son, Jason Bridges, and his wife, Joey; her daughter, Buffie Walton, and her husband, Keith; her brother, Gary Griffin; her brother-in-law, Terry Bridges; her sister-in-law, Mary Massengale; and her sisters-in-law, Zeta Griffin of Bixby, OK, and Linda McKinney of Nacogdoches.

She is also survived by her beloved grandchildren: Ashleigh Walton Russell and her husband, Reid, and great-grandson, Riley of Longview; Cal Walton of Henderson; Rachel Elliott and her husband, Tanner, of Carthage; and Ben Bridges of Lindale, along with numerous nieces and nephews who held a special place in her heart.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Methodist Church of Henderson, 204 N. Marshall St., Henderson, TX 75652, or to the Pat Bridges Legacy in Music Scholarship Fund.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Bridges Cemetery

FM 348  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 14. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

First Methodist Church  
204 N. Marshall St.  
Henderson, TX 75652

## Celebration of Life

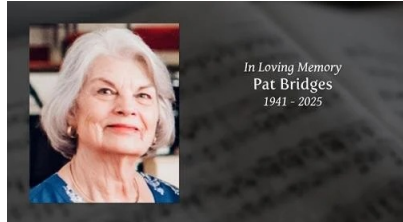
MAR 14. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Methodist Church  
204 N. Marshall St.  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Tribute Wall



“ *Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges*



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**Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home** - March 12, 2025 at 01:47 PM



“ *Susan Ann Summers lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges*



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**Susan Ann Summers** - July 06, 2025 at 03:16 PM



“ *Jared Maloney lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges*



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**Jared Maloney** - May 10, 2025 at 09:52 PM

RV

“ *Roberta Vallantyne lit a candle in memory of Pat Bridges*



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**Roberta Vallantyne** - March 31, 2025 at 12:37 PM

AH

“ *She was a very sweet lady. Many memories of her and the FUMC choir. So sorry for your loss.*

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**Amy Heim** - March 17, 2025 at 12:50 PM

MH

“ *As a sixth grader Pat had us do a song for the Lion's Laugh show. We were in couples and dressed up in cowboy/cowgirl outfits. We sang Buttons and Bows.*

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**Mart Hooper** - March 14, 2025 at 02:40 PM



“ *Pam Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges*



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**Pam Brown** - March 14, 2025 at 11:23 AM

WR

“ *Winnie Ramey lit a candle in memory of Pat Bridges*



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**Winnie Ramey** - March 13, 2025 at 11:12 PM

GO

“ *Greg & Kay Taylor Owens lit a candle in memory of Pat Bridges*



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**Greg & Kay Taylor Owens** - March 13, 2025 at 10:26 PM

JC

“ *Jan Crow lit a candle in memory of Pat Bridges*



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**Jan Crow** - March 13, 2025 at 07:55 AM

LD

“ *Loy & Leann Dorsey lit a candle in memory of Pat Bridges*



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**Loy & Leann Dorsey** - March 12, 2025 at 11:38 PM

AM

“ *Amy Miley-Payne lit a candle in memory of Pat Bridges*



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**Amy Miley-Payne** - March 12, 2025 at 09:00 PM

LR

“ *Linda Rogers lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges*



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**Linda Rogers** - March 11, 2025 at 10:16 PM

MR

“ *Michael & Sharon Rollins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges*



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**Michael & Sharon Rollins** - March 11, 2025 at 10:12 PM

TM

“ *Trudy McGill lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges*



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**Trudy McGill** - March 11, 2025 at 08:19 PM

CS

“ *Carl & Diana Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges*



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**Carl & Diana Smith** - March 11, 2025 at 05:19 PM

GW

“ *Gary Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Pat Bridges*



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**Gary Wilkerson** - March 11, 2025 at 01:08 PM

AR

“ *Colby & Amy Rockey*



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**Amy Rockey** - March 11, 2025 at 09:14 AM

GK

“ *Gene Kelsey lit a candle in memory of Pat Bridges*



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**Gene Kelsey** - March 11, 2025 at 09:08 AM

CG

“ I was lucky enough to have Mrs.Bridges as my music teacher at Montgomery for all 5 years. We sang every patriotic song, every Broadway musical and performed all of those wonderful operarettas! We had such a great time in music. She even taught me twirling, one year. I loved Mrs. Bridges. My condolences to her family and the town that has lost a beautiful soul.



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**Connye Poovey Guy** - March 11, 2025 at 12:44 AM

MC

“ Melissa Rogers Clayton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges



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**Melissa Rogers Clayton** - March 10, 2025 at 10:04 PM

BJ

“ Barbara JOLLEY lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges



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**Barbara JOLLEY** - March 10, 2025 at 10:03 PM

RN

“ Randy & Sherry Nichols lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges



Randy & Sherry Nichols - March 10, 2025 at 08:06 PM

GW

“ Greg W lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges



Greg W - March 10, 2025 at 07:22 PM

CB

“ Chad Boatwright lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges



Chad Boatwright - March 10, 2025 at 07:20 PM

CC

“ Chris Cavaliere lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges



Chris Cavaliere - March 10, 2025 at 05:02 PM

LA

“ LORIE ARNOLD lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges



LORIE ARNOLD - March 10, 2025 at 03:22 PM

CW

“ Pat was so special to me. She was my first grade music teacher, then Youth Choir and Adult Choir Director at First Methodist. She taught me voice and was a special friend. I will miss her more than I can express. Sending love to the family.



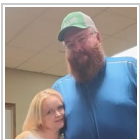
Cyndi Walker - March 10, 2025 at 02:33 PM

SH

“ Sue HENDERSON lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges



Sue HENDERSON - March 10, 2025 at 02:30 PM



“ Angela Everett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges



Angela Everett - March 10, 2025 at 09:43 AM

DW

“ *Dana Wright lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges*



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**Dana Wright** - March 10, 2025 at 08:59 AM

DC

“ *We are so sorry for your loss of Ms. Pat Bridges. Very well known, respected and loved in our town of HENDERSON and in the. Chapman. Community in Rusk County. We will keep you all in our prayers as you go thru the next week.*  
*Our Deepest Sympathies,*  
*David & Kathy Chapman*



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**David Kathy Chapman** - March 10, 2025 at 01:15 AM

JS

“ *Jamie Skelton And Karen Skelton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges*



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**Jamie Skelton and Karen Skelton** - March 10, 2025 at 12:01 AM

LM

“ Louise Mobbs lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges



Louise Mobbs - March 09, 2025 at 09:50 PM

PH

“ Peggy Hunt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges



Peggy Hunt - March 09, 2025 at 09:20 PM

CW

“ I am very sorry Jerry, Jason and Buffie for your loss of Pat. My friendship with Pat began 60 years ago when we were expecting our first babies, born 4 days apart. We've shared countless cups of coffee, hands of bridge and visits of laughter and fun. I will miss my dear friend, but rejoice that she is now beautifully singing with the angels. ALLELUIA! 🥹❤️

Cyndy Willard - March 09, 2025 at 04:33 PM

SS

“ Susan Stevens lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges



Susan Stevens - March 09, 2025 at 03:54 PM

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PP

“ Pamela Slover Percival lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges



Pamela Slover Percival - March 09, 2025 at 01:43 PM

JC

“ Joe And Cami Collins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges



Joe and Cami Collins - March 09, 2025 at 01:38 PM

DG

“ Darren Grammer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges



darren grammer - March 09, 2025 at 12:24 PM

SC

“ *Scott Crawford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges*



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**scott Crawford** - March 09, 2025 at 11:31 AM

CT

“ *Chuck & Lisa Towe lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges*



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**Chuck & Lisa Towe** - March 09, 2025 at 10:38 AM

KB

“ *Kim Buckner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges*



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**Kim Buckner** - March 09, 2025 at 09:26 AM

GK

“ *Gene Kelsey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges*



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**Gene Kelsey** - March 09, 2025 at 09:24 AM

BJ

“ Barbara JOLLEY lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges



Barbara JOLLEY - March 09, 2025 at 09:22 AM

PP

“ Pud Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges



Pud Patterson - March 09, 2025 at 09:05 AM

TL

“ Tracy Lynn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges



Tracy Lynn - March 09, 2025 at 08:23 AM

KH

“ Mollie & Ken Hale



Ken Hale - March 09, 2025 at 07:49 AM

CB

“ Pat was such a nice lady. We always enjoyed talking to her.

Cliff Bilbo - March 09, 2025 at 07:37 AM

BP

“ Prayers for family during this time.

Beth Hale Poee

Beth Pope - March 09, 2025 at 07:33 AM

MD

“ RIP my friend..



Mary Davis - March 09, 2025 at 06:47 AM

LB

“ Linda Bridges lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges



Linda Bridges - March 09, 2025 at 12:22 AM

SC

“ Shannon Cook lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges



Shannon Cook - March 08, 2025 at 11:47 PM

YC

“ Beautiful soul and wonderful choir instructor.



Yolanda Cooper - March 08, 2025 at 11:31 PM

PA

“ My condolences to the family



Pamela - March 08, 2025 at 10:25 PM

AR

“ Colby & Amy Rockey



Amy Rockey - March 08, 2025 at 10:15 PM

CW

“ Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Pat was a blessing to all of us who knew her. I have too many memories to list of the long friendship we shared. I will miss my lovely friend Pat. She is singing with her beautiful voice rejoicing and shouting the victory.

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**cyndy willard** - March 08, 2025 at 10:03 PM

CF

“ Cliff And Krista Furtick lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges



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**Cliff and Krista Furtick** - March 08, 2025 at 09:18 PM

CN

“ Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges



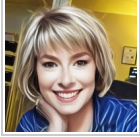
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**Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb** - March 08, 2025 at 07:49 PM

MB

“ Mike And Patti Capps Bryan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges



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**Mike and Patti Capps Bryan** - March 08, 2025 at 07:20 PM



“ *Dotti Sweeney-Roberts lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges*



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**Dotti Sweeney-Roberts** - March 08, 2025 at 07:01 PM

DA

“ *Donna J Aaron lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges*



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**Donna J Aaron** - March 08, 2025 at 06:03 PM

KC

“ *Kristy Campbell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges*



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**Kristy Campbell** - March 08, 2025 at 06:01 PM

ED

“ *Elaine Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges*



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**Elaine Davis** - March 08, 2025 at 05:20 PM

CB

“ *Cindy Hooks Belcher lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges*



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**Cindy Hooks Belcher** - March 08, 2025 at 05:17 PM

CB

“ *Colleen B lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges*



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**Colleen B** - March 08, 2025 at 03:30 PM

LM

*I worked with Pat for several years at First Methodist Church. She was truly a Christian and I'm sure is in God's heavenly choir with her lovely voice.*

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**Louise Mobbs** - March 09, 2025 at 10:48 AM

LW

“ *Lacy Weaver lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Pat Bridges*



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**Lacy Weaver** - March 08, 2025 at 03:01 PM