



Lina Briggs Kirkpatrick

December 14, 1925 - August 24, 2014

Lina Briggs Kirkpatrick passed away on Sunday, August 24, 2014 in Denton, Texas, at the age of 88. She was born in Newton, Mississippi on December 14, 1925.

Lina received a Bachelors of Music degree, at North Texas State University, in 1946. She loved music and continued to study the piano, as well as the harpsichord, as an adult. Lina also sang. Along with her late husband, Hugh, she was a founding member of the Denton Bach Society. She and Hugh were also avid members of the choir at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, in Denton. Lina and Hugh traveled and lived extensively in the Middle East from 1952 until 1958. Hugh taught English for the State Department, and Lina taught music at the State Department's American International Schools. Once they settled down in Denton, Lina taught piano at home for over thirty years.

In August of 1947, Hugh and Lina spent their honeymoon in a little cabin outside of Allenspark Colorado, and in the 1970's they were finally able to purchase it. Since then, they have returned to that cabin, The Owl, almost every summer.

Hugh and Lina had four children: Hugh Charles Kirkpatrick, Paul Kirkpatrick, Tom Kirkpatrick and Alice Kirkpatrick Sims; three grandchildren: Gary Sims, Jr., Zoe Kirkpatrick and Hanna Kirkpatrick, and one great-grandchild: Hugh

James Sims. Lina was preceded in death by her parents, her eldest son, Hugh Charles Kirkpatrick, and her husband, Hugh, who died just 41 days before her.

Tribute Wall

RB

“ *Lina and Hugh were neighbors of ours for over 20 years. We were sad to see them move and even sadder when they both passed. We know how much Hugh loved her (he ALWAYS let her drive!) and he was always doing small things for her. They are both now in Heaven playing in the Good Lord's Heavenly orchestra. Sympathies to all of their family.*

Ron and Peggy Butler

Ron and Peggy Butler - August 30, 2014 at 07:41 PM

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“ *We knew for a long time that Hugh and Lina Kirkpatrick's lives were coming to an end, but their passing, 41 days apart from each other, reminded me once again what a close-knit couple they had been. Their contributions, each by themselves and as a couple, to the cultural life of Denton in all its aspects and, in particular, to the Denton Bach Society were indeed many. Hugh's role as the Society's first president over a good number of years and Lina's engagement with publicity and outreach helped shape what we are today. They were missed when they retired a good number of years ago from singing and are missed even more so now.*

*In deep respect and much gratitude,
Hildegard Froehlich Rainbow*

Hildegard Rainbow - August 29, 2014 at 04:14 PM



“ Mrs Kirkpatrick was my piano teacher for five years when I was in high school. I came late to the instrument, and she was very patient with me, so that I always enjoyed my time with her, despite my often having failed to practice adequately in the previous week. In our five years of half-hour meetings, she taught me much, especially music theory and music appreciation (I wish I could say that the piano performance had taken better, but it was not for any lack of instruction or encouragement on her part.)

My sympathy to the family. It is hard to lose a very special mother, and I know that she was one, as well as a wonderful teacher.

Nelda Evarts - August 28, 2014 at 05:29 PM



“ Two of my favorite people are gone now. Hugh a few weeks ago and now Lina. I had the pleasure of helping keep their yard on Linden plus a few other chores from time to time. Lina wanted to have her yard surrounded by Pyracantha bushes to discourage anyone from coming into her yard. She always giggled when I called her the Pyracantha Queen. Hugh would get a laugh too but whatever Lina wanted that was OK with him. We always had some great conversations about different topics. And we got to see them in Colorado that they always talked about and loved. I got a kick out of that piano in that cabin up in the mountains. They were two great people that I was fortunate to know. I will miss them. My best to the family at this time of grief. I can see them playing and singing in the Mountains. Wayne Mitchell

Wayne Mitchell - August 28, 2014 at 02:37 PM

JC

“ *Ms. Lina was so enthusiastic playing Bingo with our group. Several times I would hold the board for her and she would say Bingo when she won. I will miss her very much but have peace knowing she is with Hugh now.*

Joanne

Joanne Coanway - August 28, 2014 at 02:30 PM