



MONTHLY NEWS ~ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

HAPPY 250 BIRTHDAY AMERICA

LAMPLIGHTER ANNUAL INDOOR PICNIC

Heritage Hall | Sunday, August 16, 2026

Doors Open at 5:15pm

Bush's Fried Chicken will be our Entrée

Please sign up for a Side Dish to Share!

Last Sign-Up date is August 9, 2026



Ms. Felicia Kim

We're delighted to have our church's talented pianist, Ms. Felicia Kim, with us for our event. She has been part of our church for three years and is an accomplished, classically trained musician. Her training and passion for music shine through every performance. She'll be entertaining us with a delightful selection of show tunes.

Felicia Kim holds a Doctoral of Musical Arts in Piano Performance from the University of Maryland at College Park and M.M. and B.M. in Piano Performance from Baylor University in Texas (Pi Kappa Lambda). She has studied with Larissa Dedova, Krassimira Jordan, Andre Watts and Young Hi Moon. She worked with Guaneri String Quartet, YoYo Ma, Joseph Gingold and Rita Sloan for chamber music.

As a Soloist and collaborative pianist, Ms. Kim performed at the Bosendorfer International Music Festival in Vienna, Austria and Bathurst, Canada. She received recognition from national as well as international competitions including Russell Wonderick Piano Competition, in New Orleans International Competition, Alabama International Competition, Maryland University Piano Competition, Baylor University Competition, Etc.

Ms. Kim served as faculty at Sam Houston State University and Maryland University. She is currently teaching at Clavier Werke School of Music in Austin as Collaborative Artist in Residence.



July 18, 2026

Austin Diner is a Great place to have breakfast with friends. Food is good and service is, too. This morning we were joined by classmates Don and Jan Bennett



DON & JAN BENNETT



JULY 18, 2026



In Remembrance of Austin Baptist Church Member & Lamplighter Class Member



*Charles "Charlie" Tate
Meeks*

February 12, 1935

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July 1, 2026

Husband to Jean Meeks



Jean Meeks
1.22.37-7.22.25

Charles "Charlie" Tate Meeks, 91, passed away on Wednesday, July 1, 2026. Charlie was born in Houston, Texas, on February 12, 1935, to the late Leon Aubrey and Maymee Tate Meeks. His was preceded in death by the love of his life and wife of 69 years, Jean Marie Hall, and his brothers, Leon Aubrey Meeks, Jr. and Stanton Warren Meeks. He attended high school in Montgomery, Alabama; Spartanburg, South Carolina; and Greenwood, South Carolina.

Charlie married **Jean** on September 11, 1956. He graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 1958 with a BBA in Banking and Finance. He served in the ROTC, Active Army, and Army Reserve for 10 years and retired with the rank of captain.

Charlie had a successful career in banking spanning more than 60 years, beginning in high school. He long held the record of being the youngest person to become the President of a bank in the state of Texas.

Charlie found strength and peace from his faith in Jesus. He was a member of Austin Baptist Church and served faithfully throughout his life as a deacon and the chairman of many committees. He was civic minded, volunteering with the PTA, School Board, Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, and many other organizations.

Charlie enjoyed traveling, boating on Lake Travis, and collecting art and antiques. One of his proudest accomplishments was being "Grandad" to his 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Charlie is survived by his children, Randy Meeks and his wife Lee, Bryan Meeks and his wife Kay, Scott Meeks and his wife Martha, and Sherry Pendleton and her husband Brad; grandchildren, Kristen (Chase), Ben, Lindsey (Jeremy), Conner (Taylor), Sam (Rachel), Chris (Katie), Amy, Emily, Andrew, and Alex (Gianna); and 14 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, July 17, at Austin Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to <https://www.usagainstalzheimer.org/>

In Remembrance of an Austin Baptist Church Member & Lamplighter Class Member



Connie Bird Galloway

July 21, 1936

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July 3, 2026

Wife to Gale Galloway



Gale Galloway

Connie Bird Galloway, a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, philanthropist, and faithful servant of God, passed away peacefully, leaving behind a legacy of love, generosity, and unwavering faith. She was born on July 21, 1936, in Caldwell, Texas, to Gus Bird and Evelyn Stonewall Bird.

Connie grew up in a loving family with ten brothers and sisters, where she learned the values of hard work, kindness, and family. She remained especially close to her beloved surviving brother, Sam Bird, whose love and friendship she treasured throughout her life.

As a young woman, Connie's beauty, grace, and confidence earned her the title of Miss Houston 1956, and she enjoyed a successful career as a model. In high school, she was an enthusiastic cheerleader whose outgoing personality and school spirit reflected the joy she carried throughout her life.

Determined to make a difference in the lives of others, Connie earned degrees in psychology from Louisiana State University and the University of Houston. She devoted her professional life to mental health, serving on the boards of Louisiana Mental Health and Hospice advocating for those in need of compassionate care.

Connie married the love of her life, **Gale Galloway**, and together they built a marriage founded on faith, service, and generosity. Their commitment to education, community, and charitable giving left a lasting impact on countless lives, especially through their support of Baylor University.

A lifelong servant leader, Connie was an active member of the Junior League of Austin, supported the Austin Symphony Orchestra, and enjoyed many years playing on the Westwood Country Club tennis team. Whether serving her community or cheering from the sidelines, she brought enthusiasm, elegance, and kindness to everything she did.

Her faith was the foundation of her life. Connie was deeply involved at Austin Baptist Church and Saint Theresa's Catholic Church. One of her proudest accomplishments was completing the seven-year Bible Study Fellowship program, a testament to her lifelong commitment to knowing and serving God.

Connie Galloway, con't

Connie found great joy in life's simple pleasures. She loved riding horses, playing tennis, spending time outdoors, was a talented painter and enthusiastically watched football. Family gatherings, holidays, and sporting events were among her happiest moments, and she delighted in sharing those experiences with the people, she loved.

Above all, Connie's greatest joy was her family. She is survived by her husband of 64 years Gale Galloway. Beloved daughter, Tara Galloway; grandsons, Bentley Hatchett (fiancée Fatima) and Gavin Evans (fiancée Laci); step-daughter Georgia Elmore (husband Jeff); step-son Mike Galloway (Deileen) and numerous step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren; and her dear brother, Sam Bird. She also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and countless friends whose lives were enriched by her love and generosity.

Connie will be remembered for her elegance, quiet strength, compassionate heart, and unwavering faith. She possessed an uncommon ability to make everyone feel welcome and loved. Her life was a beautiful reflection of service, grace, and gratitude, and the example she set will continue to inspire generations to come.

Connie always said, "The best accessory a Woman should always carry is a Smile." Her signature was her smile and she carried it until the day she passed.

Though her earthly journey has ended, the love she shared, the lives she touched, and the faith she lived so faithfully will endure forever. Her family rejoices in the promise that she is now at peace in the presence of her Lord and Savior, reunited with those who have gone before her. A celebration of life will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers the family request donation be made in the name of Connie Galloway to Austin Baptist Church or Baylor University.

"Well done, good and faithful servant." - Matthew 25:23

In Remembrance of Austin Baptist Church Member & Lamplighter Class Member



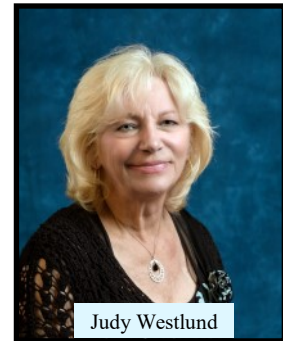
Richard E. Westlund

June 5, 1943

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July 25, 2026

Husband to Judy Westlund



Richard E. Westlund, age 83, a devoted husband, father, brother and friend, passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 25, 2026, in his home located in Burnet, Texas surrounded by his family. He was born on June 5, 1943, to John Eldon Sr. and Virginia Ann (Pearson) Westlund in St Paul, Minnesota. He married the love of his life **Judy Corinne Blomdahl** on August 31, 1963 at First Evangelical Free Church located at 4425 Red River Street in Austin Texas.

Richard was a graduate of McCallum High School in Austin. He attended a few classes at the University of Texas until his bride Judy notified him, they were expecting their first baby. The future young father and always devoted husband sacrificed college and began his career at Ragsdale Aviation. Though his formal education ended there, his education in life never stopped. While still a young man, he built an airplane polishing business at Ragsdale Airport that employed twenty-one people by the age of twenty-one.

Throughout his life, he remained a natural entrepreneur, salesman, builder, and problem solver who saw possibilities where others saw obstacles. Richard was known for designing and helping build custom trailers, including the University of Texas Bevo trailer and other Longhorn trailers. He also built custom homes, crafted cabinetry, welded, repaired, and created all with confidence and ingenuity. Whether architecting and building his own home, installing an Allright Parking sign, designing a custom trailer for Magnum Trailers, or building a back deck for his family, Richard took pride in doing things well. Richard showed his love through hard work. Everything he built was ultimately done to provide for Judy, his children, and the life they built together. He worked long days throughout much of his life, often including Saturday mornings, yet his children never felt his absence. When the workday ended, his time belonged to his family. He rarely missed a sporting event or an important milestone, believing that providing for his family meant not only working for them, but also being present with them.

His resilience was perhaps best demonstrated during the difficult financial downturn of the mid-to-late 1980s. When work became scarce in Texas, Richard temporarily moved to Minnesota to work construction alongside extended family so he could continue providing for those he loved. To him, doing whatever it took for his family was never extraordinary; it was simply what being a husband and father meant. Richard was a devoted family man whose greatest joy was the life he built with his wife, Judy. Together they shared nearly sixty-three years of marriage, a partnership marked by love, loyalty, laughter, perseverance, and unwavering devotion.

Richard Westlund, con't

Richard's home was always a place where family and friends felt welcome. He taught by example, passing along practical skills, perseverance, humility, and the importance of taking pride in a job well done. He proudly "bled orange." A lifelong University of Texas Longhorn fan, Richard held season tickets for more than fifty years, and Longhorn football became one of his family's most treasured traditions.

Richard was active with First Evangelical Free church where he played softball, helped construct the church gymnasium, and a counselor and leader at church camps in his early life. In 2017, Richard and Judy joined Austin Baptist Church where they regularly attended the traditional service followed by Lamplighter Bible Study (Sunday School) until moving to Kingsland in 2020 where he then attended Wakepoint Bible Fellowship up until 2 weeks before his passing.

Richard is survived by his loving wife and devoted caregiver Judy Westlund; daughter, Debbie Westlund of Austin; son R. Scott Westlund and wife Crystal of Burnet; son, Kris Westlund and wife Jenna of Austin; and his cherished grandchildren, Brady, Cassidy, Kyler, Logan, and Kaylin Westlund and most recent additions, Seth and Silas Staggs of Abilene. He is also survived by his brothers, John E. Westlund Jr., David A. Westlund and wife, Vickie of Austin; brother-in-law, Arnold Blomdahl III of Kingsland and many nieces and nephews and family whom he dearly loved. He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family would like to thank the loving caregivers who assisted Judy daily along with the nurses and staff of Magnolia Hospice. All provided exceptional comfort care for Richard in his final days on this earth.

A celebration of his life will be held on Sunday August 30, 2026 (a day short of their 63rd Wedding anniversary) at Wakepoint on Lake LBJ. Wakepoint Bible Fellowship church service at 10:00am followed by a Celebration of Life for Richard beginning 11:00am on the greenbelt. Address: 14757 W. FM 1431 Kingsland, TX 78639.

He will be deeply missed, lovingly remembered, and forever present in the countless memories he created with those he loved. Simply said, "Well Done my Son. Time to come HOME for rest."

Donations can be made to Cure Alzheimer's Fund. A nonprofit dedicated to research with the highest probability of preventing, slowing, or reversing Alzheimer's disease.



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Class Members pictured here will be celebrating their 80th (Plus) Birthdays in the month of August! Be sure to Wish them a Special Happy birthday!

						1  Dottie Joy Jim Linardos
2  Sue Dammann  Saundra Allen Bethany Spencer	3 Terry & Francyne Bromlow 58 Years Linda Jacobson	4 Raman & Becky Dewan 42 Years Polly Barry	5 Tom & Priss Clark 66 Years Cindi Davison	6 Linda Blackmon Diane Love	7  Jim Eagle	8  Ron Mullen Matthew & Naomi Wilson 7 Years Bill McGinnis Janet Parks
9  Mitchel Wong	10	11 Lemar Porter	12 Troy & Cindy Wappler 37 Years	13 Earle Chappell, Jr.	14 David & Kay Moore 55 Years	15 David Caudle
16 Debbie Hart	17 Sarah Bone	18 David & Selena Procter 48 Years	19 Mitchel & Rose Wong 65 Years Cynthia Linardos Siba Spencer	20  Carol Newman Debbie Bailey Kathryn Manske	21	22  Jean Bellard  Marlene Rich
23  Terry Odneal  Fred Davis	24 Vickie Regan	25 Eddy & DaLee Trevino 42 Years	26 Robert & Beverly Christianson 61 Years Bonnie Glasgow Donna Noble	27 Jack & Eula Sharp 59 Years Don Carrington Dale Carter Jeannie Weigl	28	29
30 Buddy Beger, Jr. Cherie C. Copus	31  Dale Carmichael John & Helen Boyd 58 Years Galan & Kathryn Manske 35 Years Linda Tobler					