



Beatrice Nilsson Carney

1918 - 2018

Beatrice Nilsson Carney, age 99, died January 28, 2018 in Bentonville, Arkansas. She was born in New York City on September 20, 1918, the daughter of Harry Charles Nilsson and Beatrice Robb Nilsson. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 67 years, Hugh William Carney, in 2008.

She is survived by two sons, William Nilsson Carney and his wife Virginia, James Nilsson Carney and his wife Rita, and one daughter, Susan Carney Earls, as well as four grandchildren: Laura Smyczek and her husband Ron, Kevin Carney and his wife Kim, Michael Carney, and Sarah Busch and her husband Kyle; and four great-grandchildren: Sophie Claire Smyczek, Audrey Grace Smyczek, William Xavier Smyczek and Alexandria Susan Carney. She is also survived by her sister Eileen Mundy, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Her sisters, Mona and Melba, and her brother Harry preceded her in death.

Bea Carney taught piano in Dallas for over 30 years. She created Bea's Music Teaching Aids, and was a popular workshop presenter. She was a member of the Dallas Music Teachers Association, the Southwest Dallas Music Teachers Association and the alumni chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon at Southern Methodist University.

For many years, when Bea lived in Dallas, she volunteered in the neo-natal intensive care unit at Parkland Memorial Hospital and with the VNA Hospice Program, along with her husband.

She has willed her body to science through University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. Arrangements are by Benton County Funeral Home. A private Memorial Mass will be celebrated at St. Stephen Catholic Church.

Bea will be greatly missed by her family and numerous friends, including Patty Beach, Barb Ryan and Sharon Murphy, her beloved Blue Birds and Camp Fire Girls.