



Colette Tolbert

December 17, 2023

Colette Marie Tolbert was born to Milton Henderson Montgomery Jr. and Gladys Hoyer in Redding, California and moved to Houston Texas a year later with her parents where her and her sisters lived while growing up.

After graduating Bellaire High School in 1959, married Woodrow Wilson Finley Jr. in 1960 and resided in West University Place Texas where she gave birth to her two sons, Woodrow Wilson Finley III and Todd Montgomery Finley. She also won Houston's most photogenic citizen and won a trip for two to Mexico.

In 1969 Colette married Sherridan Mims Smith and moved to Austin Texas. From that union her daughter Sarah Elisabeth Smith was born.

Colette was one of the first regional sales representatives for the Ralph Lauren company and was a savvy businesswoman. Her career in designer fragrances afforded her the opportunity to meet many interesting people, and travel and live in many cities in Texas and Florida.

In 1988 she met and later married Carl Tolbert of Houston Texas where they enjoyed traveling together playing golf and watching their favorite pro sports teams... The Rockets, The Astros, and The Oilers...I mean Texans.

They lived on or around some of the most beautiful golf courses in the

Houston area and settled at the High Meadow Ranch in Magnolia. For a time, they traveled around the country playing golf at many prestigious courses, and were able to watch quite a few professional tournaments.

Colette enjoyed sewing and quilting, as well as painting. Turning a spare bedroom into a studio she spent hours making blankets and paintings for family and friends.

Colette was preceded in death by her parents Milton Henderson Montgomery Jr and wife Mary Francis, and Gladys Crober and husband Ralph; and daughter Sarah Elisabeth Smith.

She was survived by her husband Carl Tolbert of the home in Magnolia, TX; sister Kendra Willert and husband Mike of Bellaire, TX; sister Ladelle Timme of Tyler, TX; son (Woodrow)Trey Finley and wife Lynn of Oxford, MS; son Todd Finley and wife Jennifer of Mooreland, OK; step-son Kevin Tolbert and wife Catherine of Cedar Park, TX; step-daughter Sheri Tolbert Blattel of Austin, TX; Grandchildren Patrick Finley and wife Candace, Chelsea Finley, Darsea Valli and husband Michael, Kathryn Walsh and husband J.D., Amber Stephenson and husband Marcus, Bailey Dolin and wife Keisha, Emily Morgan and husband Chris; 10 great-grandchildren and many other family and friends.

The Addison family and staff of Magnolia Funeral Home extend condolences to the Tolbert family during this difficult time.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **21**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Magnolia Funeral Home - December 21, 2023 at 12:20 PM

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“ Amber and Wayne Wootton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Colette Tolbert.

Amber and Wayne Wootton - December 20, 2023 at 10:25 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Colette Tolbert.



December 20, 2023 at 11:10 AM

GE

“ Greg Enos planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Colette Tolbert.

Greg Enos - December 20, 2023 at 11:10 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Colette Tolbert.



December 20, 2023 at 09:21 AM



“ The HMR Golf Club Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Colette Tolbert.

The HMR Golf Club Family - December 20, 2023 at 09:21 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Colette Tolbert.



December 19, 2023 at 06:05 PM



“ South Texas GCSA, Inc. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Colette Tolbert.

South Texas GCSA, Inc. - December 19, 2023 at 06:05 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Colette Tolbert.



December 19, 2023 at 09:25 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Colette Tolbert.



December 18, 2023 at 07:50 PM



“ Sheri Tolbert Blattel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Colette Tolbert.

Sheri Tolbert Blattel - December 18, 2023 at 07:50 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Colette Tolbert.



December 18, 2023 at 06:37 PM