



## Ms. Carolyn Redfern Alderman

December 22, 2015

Carolyn Redfern Alderman, age 81, passed away on Tuesday, December 22, 2015. She was born in Tallahassee, Florida, the daughter of Dess Clinton Redfern and Ruby Nichols Redfern.

She was a member of East Hill Baptist Church in Tallahassee, Florida. Carolyn was a lifelong resident of Tallahassee, and attended Sealey Elementary School and Leon High School. She graduated from Leon High School in 1952. Carolyn earned a Bachelor's Degree in 1956, and a Master's Degree in 1958 in Early Childhood Education from Florida State University. She was a member of Alpha Chi Omega Sorority while attending FSU. She was a lifelong Seminole fan. She taught elementary school in Leon County for 40 years. She taught at Ruediger Elementary and Timberlane/Gilchrist Elementary Schools for her entire career. She loved teaching, and always enjoyed the chance meetings with former students.

She was always involved in musical endeavors, and loved playing the piano and singing in the Melodears while attending Leon High. During her time at Florida State University, she was a member of the University Singers and toured the State of Florida.

Carolyn is survived by her daughter, Nan Gray (Randy), a son, Dess Alderman, and a precious granddaughter, Carolynne Gray. She is also

survived by her devoted friend and caregiver of 52 years, Jeraldine Gilmore.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00 PM on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at East Hill Baptist Church, 912 Miccosukee Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32308. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to East Hill Baptist Church, Florida Baptist Children's Home, or to the charity of your choice in her honor. Online sympathies may be expressed at [www.abbeyfh.com](http://www.abbeyfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Service

APR **30**. 3:00 PM (ET)

East Hill Baptist Church  
912 Miccosukee Road  
Tallahassee, FL 32308

# Tribute Wall



“ Ms. Alderman was my elementary school teacher in the 1st and 5th grade. She was my favorite teacher ever and has always remained in my heart all of these years. I returned to visit her as a teenager but that was many years ago now. Today I started thinking of my memories with her and felt the need to google her name. I'm so sorry for everyone's loss, I know just how amazing of a woman she was. She had a heart of gold and cared deeply for others. she will forever be missed by so many.

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**Rebekah Walton** - June 13, 2016 at 03:01 PM

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“ Carolyn was such a kind, sweet person. I miss her. She was such a loving person who would do anything she could to help anyone. She was my friend.  
Carolyn was one of the most gifted teachers I have ever observed. She had it all! She was artistic, musical, and had a wealth of knowledge about any subject. In addition, she really loved her students.  
We miss her!

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**Pat Simpson Riedell** - April 29, 2016 at 01:39 PM



*I remember you Ms. Riedell! Ms. Alderman truly was amazing and loved by many.*

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**Rebekah Walton** - June 13, 2016 at 03:03 PM