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Carol Yvonne Ramsay Lockett

Carol Yvonne Ramsay Lockett, 60, of Austin, Texas, ended her long, courageous battle with cancer and passed peacefully into the presence of the Lord on September 3, 2009.

Carol was born on July 19, 1949, in Kansas City, Missouri, the first child of Charles and Hilda Ramsay. She grew up in Greensboro, North Carolina, and Sherman, Texas where she graduated from Sherman High School in 1967. Her musical talent was obvious by the many medals she received for her beautiful clarinet playing. She also played the piano from a very early age.

Carol graduated from Rhodes College, Memphis, Tennessee, in 1971, with a Bachelor of Arts Cum Laude, in English Literature. Among her many academic honors, she was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa honorary fraternity. After moving to Austin in the mid-1970's, she worked at the University of Texas library for thirty years. Upon her death, she was a manager in the Acquisitions Department. She took a leave of absence during the late 1970's and early 1980's to live in Guadalajara, Mexico, and Natal, Brazil where she taught English as a second language at various schools. This left her with a deep interest in the Mexican and Brazilian cultures.

Carol enjoyed many different activities: hiking and driving in the Hill Country, bird-watching, photographing wild flowers, deer hunting, and lace making. More recently she renewed her musical interests by adding such instruments as the harp and hammer dulcimer.

Carol is survived by her husband of 19 years, Landon J. Lockett, III; mother, Hilda Yvonne Ramsay; aunt DeVere Maxwell Ramsay; brothers, Charles McKay Ramsay, Jr. and wife Maureen, and Christopher Malcolm Ramsay and wife Judy; nephews, Charles McKay Ramsay, III and wife Laura, and Mark Andrew Ramsay; and many great nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her father, Rev. Charles McKay Ramsay, PhD, and uncle Rev. William McDowell Ramsay, PhD.