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Bobbie Rucker Adams, devoted mother, grandmother and sister, departed her family on December 17, 2024 in Houston and was reunited with her late husband of 48 years, Skip Adams. She was 84.

She was survived by brothers Ron Rucker of Pasadena and Larry Rucker of Houston; sons Russell Todd Phillips of Houston and Troy Phillips of Willow Park, Texas and stepson, Robert Adams of Phoenix, Arizona; granddaughters Elizabeth Abigail Phillips of Spring and Zoe Phillips of Wichita, Kan.; grandsons Christopher Levy Adams of Panama City, Fla., and Justin Adams of Phoenix.

Other survivors include sister-in-law Cindy Rucker of Pasadena, daughter-in-law Karen Phillips of Houston, grandson by marriage Aaron Wilson of Spring, former daughter-in-law Mary Jane Self Phillips; great granddaughters Anna Wilson, Lily Adams, Avery Adams, and Kaia Adams; great grandsons Declan Adams, Christopher Maxwell Adams, Kaden Adams, Benjamin Adams, and Liam Adams.

She was preceded in death by husband Ralph "Skip" Adams, her parents

Clyde and Catherine Rucker, and Skip's sons James Lyman Adams and Richard Wood Adams.

Also known as Mom, Sis, Meme, and Mema, Bobbie was a retired flight attendant for Continental Airlines. During an admired airline career, she received multiple service commendations and delivered a brand of passenger hospitality rarely experienced. She was truly the hostess with the mostest, charming the likes of professional athletes, actors, astronauts, and musicians – including future King of Pop Michael Jackson in his pre-Thriller years.

Born September 6, 1940, in Corpus Christi, Bobbie was raised in Baytown and graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1959. She marched for the famed Lee Brigadiers, the all-ladies drum and bugle corps that uniquely endured in Texas until 2001. Bobbie had two sons with the late James Phillips and worked in credit card operations for First City Bank Houston.

As single parents, Bobbie and Skip met in 1972 (he had three sons) and married on July 21, 1973. She first landed in the airline industry in the late-1970s at Texas International, eventually moving to the chief pilots' office as an administrative assistant. As Continental eventually absorbed TI, Bobbie knew her knack for meticulous hosting and entertaining would translate to a like-no-other profession. She soared through Continental's flight attendant academy. In no time, she knew the preflight script and routines backwards and forwards, as well as cabin features unique to every size aircraft.

Bobbie quickly became a crew and passenger favorite. She eventually enjoyed a career and travels that took her to continents and countries she barely imagined back in Baytown. Airline work was physically taxing, leading to back issues and Bobbie's eventual retirement from Continental. She and Skip traveled more, joined a couples square dance group, attended yearly alumni events at his beloved Dartmouth College, put two sons through

college, cheered on the Aggies and Horned Frogs, and settled into grandparenthood (did they ever!).

Bobbie even dabbled as an antiques vendor, and they were Abbey and Zoe's de facto stage parents. As the Adams/Phillips/Rucker clan proliferated, Bobbie was the immovable force at its center, always constant, loving, and dedicated. Life was full of hacks. Chances are, Bobbie had a solution or life lesson you needed. For nearly 50 years, Bobbie was Skip's partner in parenting, traveling, spoiling, celebrating, overcoming, laughing, loving, and sharing a jam-packed life. They danced to the 1972 Bobby Vinton song, "Every Day of My Life" and took painstaking care of each other.

Thank you Mom, Sis, Meme, and Mema, for everything you were to all of us. We miss you, your selfless love for us, ways you made every occasion, guest and stranger feel special, your heart-melting smile, soft spoken grace, gentle-but-firm disposition, unquestionable loyalty, life wisdom, concern for others, teachable moments, and our family's legacy. See you both again someday.

The memorial service for Bobbie Adams is scheduled for Monday, January 6 at 2 p.m.

St. Martin's Episcopal Church
717 Sage Road, Houston, TX 77056

Her service will be live streamed at
<https://stmartinsepiscopal.org/funerals/>

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial donations be made to St. Martin's Episcopal Church or to the Assist the Officer Foundation (www.assisttheofficer.com).

Tribute Wall

WF

“ With love, Tom and Jody Roche and family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Bobbie Rucker Adams.



With love, Tom and Jody Roche and family - January 06, 2025 at 07:58 AM

MJ

“ Mary J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bobbie Rucker Adams.

Mary J. - January 05, 2025 at 06:14 PM

MS

“ Michael & Alba Smith purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bobbie Rucker Adams.



Michael & Alba Smith - January 03, 2025 at 04:24 PM

HW

“ Holly and Craig Warren purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bobbie Rucker Adams.



Holly and Craig Warren - January 02, 2025 at 05:11 PM

JD

“ *Bobbie you will be very much missed. You were such a joy to be around. I love you and will miss you. RIP With The Angels. Love always Johnelle*

Johnelle Davison - December 30, 2024 at 05:51 PM

TP

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Troy Phillips - December 30, 2024 at 01:47 PM

MP

“ *Rest in peace, Bobbie. Thank you for all the love, advice and help you gave me as your daughter-in-law. I will always be grateful for how you loved and doted on my daughter Zoe. Even after my marriage to your son ended, you never treated me as anything less. I will always consider myself a part of the family that you welcomed me into 33 years ago. I know you are dancing in heaven with Skip. I will always love you. ❤️*

Mary Jane Phillips - December 30, 2024 at 11:18 AM

DS

Rest in peace my dear Bobbie. I will always remember our treasured times we spent together. You were like a big sister to me. I will cherish the many memories that we made through out the years. I will always love you ☐!

Deborah Young Scott - December 30, 2024 at 06:13 PM

JH

“ *My sincerest condolences to the family, praying for healing and comfort through these difficult times.*



J Suppatkul - HPD - December 30, 2024 at 11:15 AM

YC

“ *My sincere condolences to the family. Praying for you all during this difficult time.*

Yolanda Castillo-HPD - December 26, 2024 at 10:07 AM

DH

“ *Bobbie was in my first grade class at Ashbel Smith Elementary in Baytown. She was always the sweetest friend. I am sure we had many more classes together over the next 12 years. Even though I haven't seen her in several years, I can vividly recall her precious personality. My sincere condolences to her family. Heaven gained an angel this week.*

Deana Cartlidge Harris

Deana Harris - December 20, 2024 at 01:38 PM