



Priscilla Hannah Scholl

March 12, 1930 - April 16, 2025

A Graveside Service will be held for Priscilla on Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at the Tobias City Cemetery in rural Tobias, Nebraska with Pastor Alex Bjoraker presiding.

Graveside services can be long and standing for extended periods can be tiring. Bringing your own chair is 100% acceptable and we ask you to do so, as this will be approximately a 20-25 minute graveside service.

Priscilla Hannah Bartels Jordan Scholl, 95 years, passed away at her home in Tomball, Texas on Wednesday, April 16, 2025. Priscilla was born on March 12, 1930, to Emil August & Hannah Anna Sophia (Schafer) Bartels. She was the second of three children having an older brother, Junior, and a younger brother, Eugene. Priscilla was blessed to grow up in Tobias, Nebraska with approximately 35 cousins and her two brothers all living nearby and attending the same church and schools. Spiritual guidance was an important part of the lives of the German Lutherans. Priscilla was baptized, confirmed, and married in Zion Lutheran Church, as were most extended family members. Founding church members were her German immigrant grandparents on both sides.

Priscilla completed high school, and then moved to Lincoln, Nebraska, for work. Priscilla really wanted to attend college for music and teaching, but her father said girls would just get married and not benefit from a college

education. Priscilla did not always agree with the paternal structure of German society, although throughout her life its impact could be seen on her as a dutiful child, sibling, wife, mother, and church employee.

Priscilla had a good job where she met Eugene Wayne Jordan through a work friend. Gene's father was a German immigrant from Russia, so the family got on famously with Priscilla's German relatives in Tobias. Priscilla and Gene were married on May 13, 1951. Gene had a business degree, and he owned and operated several women's shoe stores. With Priscilla assisting in Gene's business, they moved through the Midwest. Steven and Pamela were born in Lincoln; Beth was born in Hammond, Indiana; Kristin in Omaha, Nebraska; Cheryl and Debra in Pueblo, Colorado. During the twelve years in Pueblo, Priscilla was the church organist, an avid volunteer in the Lutheran church and school, and a 4-H Leader. Priscilla and Gene were the energizer bunnies, always working.

As 4-H leader, Priscilla engaged with many community families teaching nutrition, cooking, canning, sewing, knitting, and home decorating. Their last year in Colorado, all five sisters took first place, a purple Champion ribbon, in all the entered courses. Pamela received the County's Grand Champion honors for her canning. Priscilla and her girls were featured in the Pueblo newspaper with Steven receiving special recognition for being the brother with five sisters.

The decision was made to move to Texas because Gene had a growing business opportunity. Four years later Gene died June 18, 1975, two days after his 46th birthday; he had business holdings in Hawaii, California, and Texas. After 24 years of marriage, Priscilla was a widow with 6 children.

Priscilla often stated that one of her strongest talents was managing a tight budget and she definitely did that while putting her children through college.

The Jordan children were incredibly blessed that Priscilla and Gene worked so hard, saved, and budgeted, thus allowing the opportunity for all six children to attain an advanced degree even after their father had died.

After Gene's passing Priscilla was blessed with a full time job as Zion Lutheran Church's secretary, adding to her church organist activities. This very visible church role opened so many opportunities, building lifelong bonds while Priscilla did the Lord's work.

Priscilla and Ben Scholl met, both having lost spouses in recent years, and were married in the summer of 1976. A family of six children was now ten children. Ben often referred to the household as Grand Central Station. When asked "What possessed the two of them to unite with ten children?" Ben and Priscilla just smiled.

Priscilla shared an incident of when she and Ben worked on Klein Funeral Home's stereo system. They were both up on a scaffold when the scaffold broke loose and fell to the floor. Ben grabbed Priscilla's waist, and Priscilla grabbed the bucket of bolts. Teddy Klein heard the commotion and came running into the room. They all looked at each other to determine if the couple was ok, then all three broke out in laughter.

Our family has been more than blessed to have had Priscilla for these 95 years. She built a life centered on her Christian faith and witnessed through her actions to all. She was very supportive of her children's activities, never envious or jealous of others and always said "God will provide". Having built a wonderful life in Colorado for 12 years, she expanded that base in Tomball where she lived for over 53 years.

Priscilla was predeceased in death by her husband Gene Jordan, her parents

Emil and Hannah Bartels, brother-in-law and sister-in-law Donald and Arlene Jordan, her older brother Junior Bartels, her sister-in-law Beverly Bartels, her son Steven Jordan, daughter Kristin Jordan Harkins, step-son Tim Scholl, her nieces Judy Griffin, Jane Campbell, Margie Merrick and nephew Danny Jordan, and her recently deceased second husband of 47 years, Benjamin Scholl.

Priscilla is survived by her younger brother, Eugene Bartels, 90 years old, and her sister-in-law, Dorothy Bartels, 97 years old; her daughters and sons-in-law Pamela and Tommy Kaiser, Beth and Charles Kirkpatrick, Roger Harkins, Cheryl Jordan, Debra and John Ed Stepan, and her step-children David (Cindy), Sarah and Rachel Scholl, grandchildren Carrie and John Mills, Kayla and Kyle Radford, Kelsey and Kenny Weiland, Katelin and Wyatt Kirkpatrick, Hannah and Hailey Harkins, Jordan, Grant, Bailey and Parker Stepan, Stephanie Carmack, Haley (Bradley) White, Adam and Jacob Scholl; great grandchildren Cadence, Emmett, and Addison Mills, Ella and Emerson Radford, Sutton Link, Hendrix Carmack and numerous nieces and nephews and special companion/caregiver of the past five years, Tessa Brooks.

Cemetery Details

Tobias Cemetery

2141 Road 300
Tobias, NE 68453

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 30. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Jason george lit a candle in memory of Priscilla Scholl



Jason george - April 26, 2025 at 03:44 AM