

# FORT BEND COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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### Abstract: **Marialyne Ruffino Coburn**

Marialyne was born in Houston in 1934 at St. Joseph's Hospital. Her grandparents and parents owned a farm in the Missouri City-Stafford area. She came from a large Italian family. Her father owned a Barber shop in Sugar Land where she grew up and attended Sugar Land High School.

After graduation in 1953, she married her high school sweetheart, Charles Coburn. Marialyne shares several stories about growing up in the company town of Sugar Land

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## Interview Summary

### People (in order mentioned in interview)

John Thomas Ruffino – father  
 Mary & Preston Ruffino (aka Ruffeno)-brother  
 Joe & Lula Ruffino Triola – aunt & uncle  
 Carrie Ruffino Biamonte – family  
 Rose Ruffino – Carrie’s daughter  
 Mary Antoine Cash –family  
 Tony and Lula Ruiffino – family  
 Nona Sue Raisewell – classmate  
 Ida Lee Pachala – classmate  
 Miss Heifingh – physical education teacher  
 Ronald Miller & Trinkia Helmcamp Miller –  
 classmates  
 B. I. Webb – friend of husband

Kenneth Hall – high school football star  
 Curtis Hall – Kenneth’s father, Constable

### Places / Businesses

St. Joseph Hospital, Houston, Texas  
 Fort Bend County  
 Missouri City, Texas  
 Stafford, Texas  
 Sugar Land, Texas  
 Sugar Land High School  
 Texas A&M University  
 Korean War  
 Houston, Texas  
 Imperial Sugar, Sugar Land

### Events

Born in 1934 at St. Joseph Hospital in Houston  
 Raised in Sugar Land where her father owned a barber shop and her mother worked at Imperial Sugar Company.  
 Graduated from Sugar Land High School in 1953 and married a 1951 graduate.  
 Marialyne shares several stories of growing up in a large Italian family and enjoying growing up in a small, very safe company town of Sugar Land