

# FORT BEND COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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### Abstract: **Marilyn Reed Nichols Henslee**

Born in 1926 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Houston, Marilyn had an idyllic life in Richmond with many close friends and wonderful childhood memories. Her father was a surgeon and her mother was a nurse.

Ms. Henslee tells about life in Richmond, activities with friends and the businesses long gone. After marriage, she and her husband left Fort Bend, and she did not return for 42 years. Now it is her home again. She plays bridge with many childhood friends and is involved with church and the garden club.

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Mrs. Marilyn Reed Nichols Henslee died on June 4, 2016. Her obituary may be found at <http://www.ariacremation.com/obituary/10760/>

## Interview Summary

### People (in order mentioned in interview)

Ann Fowler – sister  
 Randall family – neighbors  
 Birdwell family – friends of the family  
 Wister Shannon – friend  
 Andrew Briscoe family– friends of the family  
 Billie Wendt – friend  
 Mark Henslee – son, Presbyterian minister  
 Janice Henslee Mixson – daughter  
 Harold Taylor Henslee – husband, geologist  
 A. P. George – prominent rancher  
 Brandon Brown – grandson  
 Atticus – grandson  
 Caden – grandson  
 Amelia Briscoe – friend  
 Martha Payton – friend  
 Dr. Clarence Virgil Nichols – grandfather  
 Dr. Jenkins – physician

### Places / Businesses

St. Joseph's infirmary, Houston, Texas  
 Fort Bend County, Texas  
 Richmond, Texas  
 Lampasas, Texas  
 Caney, OK  
 Kerrville, Texas  
 Ideal Café, Richmond

### Events

Ms. Henslee was born in 1926 in Houston and spent all but 42 years in Richmond. Marilyn shares many stories about growing up in a small town and everyone knowing everyone.

Edelstein's store, Richmond  
 St. John's United Methodist Church  
 Mirabeau B Lamar High School  
 Hock Bay Junior College, Dallas, Texas  
 University of Texas, Austin, Texas  
 Addison, OK  
 Amarillo, Texas  
 Sugar Land, Texas  
 World War II  
 Dallas, Texas  
 Peoria, Texas  
 University of Texas Medical School,  
 Galveston,  
 Baylor Scott & White Healthcare, Austin  
 Rosenberg, Texas  
 Sugar Land, Texas  
 Sugarland Industries  
 Polly Ryon Hospital, Richmond  
 Oakbend Medical Center  
 The Depression  
 Morton Cemetery  
 George Foundation  
 Bluejay monument  
 Richmond Garden Club  
 Rosenberg Women's Club  
 Friday Harbor, WA  
 Plano, Texas

Her father was a surgeon and her mother was a nurse. When A. P George provided money to build Polly Ryon Hospital, her father was named head of the medical section.

After graduation from the University of Texas and marriage, Marilyn worked for a doctor in Amarillo. She returned to Richmond, her favorite place, after her divorce.

Today, she enjoys her two grown children and 6 grandchildren. She still plays bridge with childhood friends and attends church at St. John's United Methodist Church.