



Teresa Weinshilboum

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — With an inviting smile, Teresa Weinshilboum began every lesson with a witty catchphrase. One of her favorites was "Tee it up and let it fly."

Golf and family were Teresa's passions. A classic, classy blend of player and instructor — and loving daughter and sister — she lived up to her on-course nickname: "T-Bird."

A longtime resident of Scottsdale, Ariz., Teresa left us on Aug. 5, 2005, at age 53.

Teresa Weinshilboum — "Dolly" to her family — was born and raised in Ponca City. Her brother, Charles, introduced her to golf at age eight.

From her first lessons under his wing, Teresa's beyond-her-years talent was evident and quickly blossomed. She won the first of two consecutive Oklahoma Women's State Championships at age 14 — the state's youngest champion ever — and was a three-time junior state champion. She attended Odessa (Texas) Junior College on a golf scholarship, and graduated with a bachelor of science degree from Central State University in Edmond. Her circuit experience included the WPGT Mini-Tour and the Japanese Women's Tour. Highly versatile, her strong suit was the short game.

While a lion on the links, Teresa was always warm, gentle and kind.

These qualities, and her knowledge of the science and art of the game, made her an expert and in-demand instructor. For more than 25 years, a majority of them with John Jacobs' Golf Schools in Mesa, Ariz., Teresa taught both casual and seasoned golfers. She worked here and abroad at sites such as VIP Golf Schools, The Country Club of Peoria (Illinois), and Hirao Country Club (Japan). She also appeared on The Golf Channel and was a guest speaker at numerous women's golf conferences.

Teresa will be missed greatly and remembered always by her family, friends, colleagues and all whose lives she touched and blessed.

She is survived by her mother, Imogene Weinshilboum of Scottsdale, Ariz.; her sister, Cindy Alford of Scottsdale, Ariz.; her brother, Charles Weinshilboum of Scottsdale, Ariz.; her nephews, Jeff Johnson of Washington, D.C., and Steven Johnson of Dallas, Texas; and her cousins, Darla Herndon and Lynda Herndon of Ardmore, Thomas Abels, Betty Nelson and Peggy Weinshilboum of Houston, Texas, Robert Abels of Evanston, Ill., Dr. Richard Weinshilboum, of Rochester, Minn., and Robert Weinshilboum of St. Augustine, Fla.

The family will greet friends on Thursday evening from 5 to 7 p.m. at Trout Funeral Home. The service will be held Friday, Aug. 12, at 10 a.m., in Temple Emmanuel with burial following in Resthaven Memorial Park.

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