



Margaret Anne Lang Yeaman

Margaret Anne Lang Yeaman after over a dozen strokes that destroyed decades of memories, and a long battle with vascular dementia and Alzheimer left us July 23 to go to the Great Backup in the Sky and is now retrieving all the pleasant memories of her life with her husband, John, of sixty-two years, of son, Paul, and daughter, Anne, all of Austin.

Her paternal grandparents met on the boat from Germany to Indianola, who homesteaded where Margaret grew up on a farm near the German community of Meyersville, Texas. She was born to Paul and Lurel Paine Lang in Cuero, Texas, on September 13, 1930. She and her younger sisters, Pat Ownby of Dallas and Carlyn Elder of Crozet, Virginia, learned to cook from their mother on a wood-burning stove that Margaret remembered. She milked the cows among many chores. She was an avid reader by lantern and remembered when REA brought electricity to her home.

Early grades were in a one-room school, then in nearby Cuero when her mother began teaching there. She got her education degree from SMU, where she met her future husband. She and John married July 7, 1951, and began a life together in which she was soulmate, lover, and colleague. She taught school until John received his graduate degree. She started teaching again when Anne was in middle school. She preferred teaching early grades but one year taught secondary at Kirby Hall where she especially enjoyed leading a class in Shakespeare. Her last years of teaching were in Elgin Primary as an ESL teacher.

She often described herself as a rugged individualist. She was involved in Democratic politics, participated in a rump convention, and often worked elections. She enjoyed creative cooking, humor, causing others to smile and laugh; loved life and music, singing and reading. Anne remembers sitting beside her to watch the first episode of Sesame Street.

Our deepest thanks to Dr. Al Lindsey, Susie at House Of Friends at Bethany, Nancy and her staff for activities at Arden Courts, the staff at Wesleyan on Scenic in Georgetown, and the staff at Interim Health Care Hospice of Austin, particularly Marta and Jenny.

Interment will be at Remembrance Gardens, Wednesday, August 7 at 10 am. A memorial service will be a few weeks later at University United Methodist Church followed by a reception.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to University United Methodist Church Music Fund, 2409 Guadalupe St., Austin 78705 or Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas, 201 East Ben White Blvd., Bldg B, Austin 78704.