

Barbara Jane Allen

Barbara Jane Allen passed away at home on June 25, 2009. Born in Austin in April of 1936 to J. Rector and Arch Allen, she graduated from Austin High School Class of 1954. She then attended Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri, returned to The University of Texas at Austin and graduated from the University of Houston. Barbara Jane had an intense love of physical education as a student in junior high, and that became her career choice. She moved to Miami, Florida and there had one of the highlights of her life. She took one year off from teaching and, with her friend Frances, manned a 38-foot yacht to travel to the Virgin Islands (via the Bahama Islands, Haiti, Dominic Republic and Puerto Rico). She returned to Texas and settled in Rockport and taught at Miller High School in Corpus Christi until 1994. During that time she enjoyed motor home trips, the greatest joy being a trip down the Baja Peninsula. In 2006, Barbara returned to Austin and enjoyed being with family and renewing friendships. She is survived by her brother, John R. Allen, Jr., and his wife Carol; Frances Brown Allen, her sister-in-law; her niece, Kathy Sederholm; nephew, Jack Allen and his wife Joan; and great nieces and nephews Cody, Winter, Erica, Sommer and Lindsey. Memorial contributions were invited to be made charities of choice. Services were held at the Weed Corley Fish Chapel at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, June 29th with graveside services following at 11:30 a.m. at Austin Memorial Park. The family noted that, in the heat of the summer, Barbara would have encouraged that all attending services would have come casually dressed. (Obituary and guestbook online at wcfish.com.)