



## FAYE TESSNOW

Faye Methvin Tessnow passed peacefully from this world on December 9, 2015 at her home in Lago Vista, Texas. She was born on June 3, 1937 in Leoma Tennessee. At her passing, she was surrounded by her loving husband and children and her pastor. She now has entered paradise to begin a wonderful new eternal life with the Lord.

Faye will always be remembered as a loving wife, mother and a person who genuinely cared about her community, her state, beloved country and the world she lived in. She was an ardent supporter of issues she cared about; she was a talented musician and a most sincere and active steward of the environment. Faye was proud to be a member of Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and considered herself a patriot among patriots. She cared deeply about her friends, family, her church and her community, and she continually sought ways to be active.

And active she was. Faye lived to serve her community, was a proud and active member of the Lago Vista Lions Club, a long-time member of the Native Plant Society of Texas, and a very active member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church. As a Lion, Faye did much to encourage the youth in her community through her work with the Leos, the high school auxiliary of Lions Club. Some of her proudest moments occurred when presenting Lago Vista High School students with scholarship awards from Lions Club fundraisers. She was for many years the chaplain of the Lago Vista Lions Club. The Lions Clubs International Foundation awarded her a Melvin Jones Fellowship for Dedicated Humanitarian Service.

The Native Plant Society of Texas recently honored Faye at their annual convention with the "Nancy Benedict Memorial Award" for her efforts in persuading the Texas State Legislature to designate a week in October as "Native Plant Week." Many of Lago Vista's parks and public areas are populated with plants native to the area, revitalized through Faye's hard work. Her efforts in preventing the spread of invasive plant species and encouraging native plant growth in the area will be one of her proudest living legacies for future generations.

Faye made St. Peter's Church come alive with music in church services as principal organist. She loved playing church music, but also loved playing classical and folk music. Her fingers swept naturally over the piano and organ keyboard, and she frequently accompanied her husband and other singers and instrumental musicians.

Prior to her own illness, Faye visited homes of the elderly, assisting with activities of daily living and, as a member of the Lago Vista Volunteers, providing access to crutches, canes, walkers, wheel chairs and other durable medical equipment wherever needed. Her actions helped improve the quality of life for many in her community. In 2013, the mayor of Lago Vista presented Faye a plaque to recognize her as Lago Vista "Volunteer of the Year."

A self-described "farm girl" from Tennessee, Faye grew up always remembering where she came from. Her upbringing gave her a special connection with the earth that farmers and gardeners uniquely understand. Faye loved her Tennessee roots and frequently talked about her family and friends back home. Growing up on a Tennessee farm gave her an appreciation for the rural, down home feel of Lago Vista, the sense of community, and the opportunities to connect with nature that she lived for.

Faye will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. She was preceded in death by parents E.H. "Hugh" Methvin and Lula Rushing Methvin, brothers Kenneth and Max Methvin and sister Doris Frantz Methvin. She is survived by her husband Kurt of Lago Vista, brothers Carroll and Ray Methvin of Tennessee, children Rudy (Park City, UT), Erika (Newark, TX) and Alex (Southlake, TX), and six grandchildren: Pamela, Andy, Travis, Ashley, Jake and Max.

A memorial service will be held in Faye's honor on Sunday, December 20th, 4:30pm at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Lago Vista. Immediately following the service, Faye's ashes will be interred in the St. Peter's Columbarium. The church and columbarium are located at 3305 Pinnacle Cove, Lago Vista, Texas. Faye would have preferred to receive living plants and flowers for the service in lieu of cut flowers wherever possible. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the Lago Vista Lions Club Charitable Fund.

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