

Anne H. Jordan

Anne Harwell Jordan was a New Year's baby, born on January 1, 1924 in El Paso, Texas to Roland and Ursula Anne (Wheeler) Harwell. After undergraduate studies at UT El Paso and Syracuse, Anne lived all over the world including Germany, Japan and Mexico as an Army wife.

Starting a new life after her divorce, she earned Masters Degrees in Library Science and Latin American Studies from The University of Texas at Austin. She and her second husband Mel worked as librarians in Michigan – he at Oakland University and she at Wayne State University in Detroit — and then settled for good back in Austin in 1975, where they lived for many years on East Milton Street.

Anne retired in 1992 from her position as rare books librarian of the Bentsen Latin American Collection at UT. She died on August 4, 2010. Anne was an active member of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Austin and the Jane Austen Society, a true Yellow Dog Democrat and a lifelong cat lover.

She was captured by a New York Times photographer as “Anne Knows” in the 2000 Abuzz ad campaign and was immortalized by John Kelso in a column that skewered the *Times* for the paltry initial reimbursement she received and her witty take on the experience. Anne recently won the silver medal in the Austin Senior Games Spelling Bee.

She was predeceased by her parents, by her first husband, Lt. Col. Jack Teague, and her husband and love of a lifetime, Melbourne Jordan (1925-1999). She is survived by her dear son John Teague and his girlfriend Susan Brown, brother-in-law Robert Jordan and his son Bob Jordan and sister-in-law Jessie Heurbach.

Anne is fondly remembered by many beloved friends, including those from her work, Unitarian Fellowship, community activities and South Austin neighborhood and by her care givers, including her friend and longtime neighbor Diana Phillips and her family. Also, her special caregivers, Alice Wharton, Pat Mayne and Chana Jones and the staffs of Accountable Aging, Home Instead and Stonebridge Health Center.

A Unitarian memorial service and opportunity for sharing stories of Anne will be held in the fellowship hall of Grace United Methodist Church, 205 E. Monroe St., Austin on Saturday, August 28 at 10:30 a.m. Her ashes will be placed next to Mel's in the Jordan family cemetery in Batson, Texas at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Seton Medical Center Austin in honor of 4th floor respiratory care RNs and CAs, UUFA Memorial Fund, Hospice Austin or to the animal welfare organization of your choice.

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