

Katheryn (Kitty) Clark



Katheryn (Kitty) Clark born January 15, 1922 and died on Mother's Day May 12, 2013 at the age of 91. Kitty said when I die I hope my epitaph will read: "She made a difference and had a ball doing it!" Kitty was born in southern Missouri as Katheryn Summers and was the oldest of six children. She spent her youth in a small community called Pottersville. She attended a 3 room school for 8 years until she transferred to West Plains High School because the one in Pottersville was only a 2 year high school. Kitty went to the University of Missouri where she majored in Home Economics, and she won the Phi Epsilon Omicron Freshman clock for the highest grades in the Home Economics Dept. she received her M.A. in 1945. She was active in civil rights groups and the M.U. Young Democrats. This interest and active participation was carried throughout her lifetime. She always called herself " A Yellow Dog Democrat," and if she was not working or caring for her family of five children, she was campaigning for her favorite candidate, and was very active in her professional organizations with most of her work for the Teacher's Union. She also enjoyed reading and participating in the Heritage Book Club. She married Lester Lee Clark in August of 1947 and moved to Austin in 1949. She had five children, Lee, Dail, Bill, Pearl, and Thomas. She was the food manager for the Texas School for the Deaf and left there in 1962 to become a math teacher at Lanier Junior High. When the new Lanier High School was built, the old building became Burnet Middle School where she worked until she retired. Mrs. Clark was very proud of her 5 grandchildren, Keridywn, Evan, Rowan, Casey and Carolyn. She was especially delighted when her great grandson, " Little" Evan, would visit her. In her last years she looked forward to family dinners and birthday celebrations. When Les and Kitty discovered the First Unitarian church, they felt they had found a church home at last. They were a part of the beginning stages of the church and were very active members. After Lester died in 1974, his memorial service was at the this church and Kitty requested her service to be at the same church. A memorial service to honor and celebrate the memory of Katheryn (Kitty) Clark will be Saturday, June 22 4:00-6:00 at the First Unitarian Church of Austin. The address is 4700 Grover Blvd. Austin, Texas. Memorial contributions should be made to the charity of your choice.

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