



Dr. Sara Allison Burroughs

November 18, 1939 - April 3, 2018

Sara Allison Burroughs, PhD passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, April 3, 2018, from complications during heart surgery. Sara was born November 18, 1939, the only child and adored daughter of Catherine Allison Burroughs and Billy Bob Burroughs. During her childhood when her father worked with oil companies as a geologist, Sara and her parents made their home in many locations in Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas. She was a proud graduate of C.E. Byrd High School in the class of 1957 and attended Centenary College where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in English. She advanced her education with a Bachelor of Journalism from the University of Texas, a Master of Arts in English from the University of Texas and a Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma. She was the consummate scholar and English professor beloved by her colleagues and the students she taught for twenty-seven years at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana. During her tenure at Northwestern she was chairman of the Department of Languages from 1987-1992 and received the Excellence in Teaching Award; she was named Professor Emerita in 2008.

Sara retired in 1999 and moved to Shreveport to care for her father in his later years. In retirement she surrounded herself with more activities than could fill a calendar. She was a faithful servant member of Noel Memorial United Methodist Church and the Upper Room Sunday school class, where she taught frequently and was in charge of communications for the class. An avid

cyclist all of her life, she biked with her Shreveport bike club up to 40 miles almost every weekend. A lover of animals, she was devoted to all of her Basenjis and was an active member of BRAT, the Basenji rescue group. She was a longtime member of the Pierremont Hills Garden Club, Centenary Muses and the Northwest Louisiana Master Gardeners, and enjoyed all activities for service. Sara lived life to the fullest, traveling to all parts of the world.

Sara was predeceased by her parents and is survived by her second family, cousins who loved her very much: Sidney E. Cook Jr. and his wife Melissa, Polly Cook Williams and her husband Bruce, and Karen Cook Sargent and her husband Jim, and all of their children. Affectionately known by her younger cousins as "Seewah", she was truly one-of-a-kind. Someone whose great intelligence qualified her for Mensa, yet whose humble demeanor endeared her to students, friends, fellow churchgoers, and numerous others who were fortunate enough to have known her. She will be greatly missed.

A celebration of Sara's life will be held at Noel Memorial United Methodist Church on Friday, April 6, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. preceded by a reception at 1:00 p.m. A graveside service will be held in Carthage, Texas, 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 7, 2018 at the Odd Fellows Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to Noel Memorial United Methodist Church, Centenary College or the charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Odd Fellows Cemtery

Carthage, TX

Previous Events

Service

APR 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

Noel Memorial United Methodist Church
520 Herndon St.
Shreveport, LA 71101

Graveside Service

APR 7. 2:00 PM.

Graveside