



Juanita Camp

September 13, 1940 - April 11, 2007

Nita Beth Camp died peacefully on April 11, 2007, at the Hospice of East Texas, in Tyler, Texas, with her family at her side, after an heroic decades-long battle with breast cancer. Nita Beth never stopped being an encouragement and inspiration to all cancer survivors, especially those with breast cancer. Nita Beth was born in Houston, Texas September 13, 1940 to the late Sam and Lottie Farquhar. She graduated from Milby High School in Houston, and attended Sam Houston State University where she became a member of Delta Zeta sorority. She was a graduate of the University of Houston (B.S. 1962) and The University of Texas at Tyler (M.Ed. 1999). She married her husband of nearly 47 years, Thomas Edward Camp, formerly of Elkhart, Texas in 1960. In 1968, Nita Beth and Tom, who worked in management in the oil service business, began a nearly nine-year odyssey of traveling the world and living on 3 continents and 4 countries. Nita Beth raised her children in these countries, facing the challenges unique to each, and educating her children in world cultures, as well as all aspects of the fine arts along the way. Teaching was Nita Beth's passion and her true calling in life. She spent 20 years as a classroom teacher of science in Houston and Missouri City, Texas, Shreveport, La, and Whitehouse, Texas. The last 11 years of her working career were devoted to assisting the science and math teachers of the 96 school districts of Region VII in East Texas. In 1986, Nita Beth and Tom returned to East Texas to finish out their working years and retire. A lifelong Episcopalian, Nita Beth was a member of St. Francis Episcopal Church in

Tyler, where she served on the vestry for two terms, was a member of Daughters of the King and the choir. Nita Beth is survived by her husband, Tom, her son Thomas E. Camp II, and his wife, Peggy; her daughter Elizabeth "Betsy" Camp-Hoffman and husband William Hoffman, III; and her son, Michael T. Camp. She is also survived by her sisters: Sammie Valenti, and husband, Ray; Marilyn Liles and husband, Kin; and Allyson Hoover and husband, Sid. Nita Beth is also survived by five grandchildren: Christy Camp, Allyson Camp, Amy Camp, Andrew Camp, and Stephen Camp, and several nieces and nephews. Nita Beth is grateful to and thankful for "PawPaw", who has been her husband, traveling companion, and tireless caregiver. Nita Beth and her family wish offer their deep thanks and appreciation to Dr. Svetislava Vukelja and Dr. Gary Kimmel and the staff of Tyler Cancer Center for their ceaseless and compassionate care over the past 10 years. Visitation will be at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, on Friday, April 13, 2007, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Services will be at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Tyler, Texas on Saturday, April 14, at 1:00 pm, with The Rev. Suzanne Tubbs and The Rev. Bill Cook officiating. Burial will follow at 3:30 pm at Pilgrim Cemetery in Elkhart, Texas. Pallbearers will be Ray Valenti, William Hoffman, III, Charles Camp, Lyle Becknell, Bill Cornet and Anthony Gagliano. Honorary pallbearers will be Sid Hoover and Kin Liles. The memories of "Grammy's" indomitable spirit, joie de vivre, dazzling smile and exquisite international cuisine will be cherished forever by all who were blessed to know her. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Building Fund of St. Francis Episcopal Church in Tyler, Texas, or to the Tyler Chapter of the Susan G. Komen Foundation. For more information or to express condolences, visit www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

BF

“ I was shocked and saddend to hear of Nita Beth's paassing. I have not seen her for many years,perhaps since college. I counted her among my very good friends in those formative years. I remember her as exceedingly smart with a great wit and pretty. I am not surprised to learn that she touched many lives in a positive way. She certainly touched mine. My very heartfelt condolences to her family. Her passing is a loss to us all.

Bob Fuller - April 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

FS

“ I am sorry to have just learned about Nita Beth. I am R.L. and Jean McKinney's youngest daughter and we lived by Mrs. Quarles. I remember Nita Beth being very nice and I liked her a lot. My thoughts and prayers go to you at this time.

Freida McKinney Starr - April 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time you are going through. It is tremendous loss for you and God will be there for you to help guide you. I know you have many wonderful and funny memories that you have shared with your mother and grandmother that will help you during these difficult days ahead. Please know we are thinking about your family.
Love,
Jan, Mike, Chris, and Kevin

Jan Manning - April 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ My condolence Tom to you and your family. What a great and beautiful person Nita must have been. Marianne and I would loved to have known her.

I lost track of you when you went overseas. Perhaps we might visit sometime. It seems like a life time ago from those days.

Robert Stearns - April 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ Dear Betsy and family. I wish to express my deepest condolences as I had met the parents on several of their visits to see Betsy. My Mom passed away several years ago and also had cancer for years. Betsy and I talked at great length about the deep Love and emotion we shared for our Beloved Moms. God Bless you all in this time of sorrow and know our prayers are with the family. Sincerely,
Sarah Jackson

Sarah Tremont Jackson - April 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ I remember Nita Beth as a happy child with a beautiful smile and sunny disposition. I regret that time and circumstances caused the family to drift apart, but I can see from her obituary that she was a fine, Godly woman who touched many lives, and I am honored to call her my cousin.

My thoughts and prayers are with all her family at this time.

Millie Lochridge

Mildred Farquhar Lochridge - April 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ I didnt know you mom herself but Marilyn and I worked together at the Library. Marilyn, MAY GOD BE WITH YOU AND ALL YOUR FAMILY AT THIS TIME.. TAKE CARE AND ONE DAY AT A TIME FOR ALL..LOVE YOUR FRIEND DEBBIE

Debbie Williamson - April 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ What a wonderful blessing it was to have known such a beautiful Christian woman. She truly has a resting place in God's Paradise.

Brenda Jarvis - April 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ I was a student of Mrs. Camp's in Whitehouse 14 years ago. She believed in me and cared for me, and she helped me with new opportunities in life when I was having some troubles. She was absolutely the best teacher I had in Whitehouse, and she is the teacher that influenced me more in my life than any I had after her in university. We lost touch a few years after i left school. I thought of her often, and I'm not sure why I just never kept in contact. I got her phone number and even intended to call her in the last couple of weeks, but I am too late. I am sad for your family's loss and sad that I missed the chance to keep in touch with her. However, I know that she is in a good place, because she was a great woman. She will always have a place in my thoughts and memories.

Travis Klein - April 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I would like to say my condolences go out to you and your family for your loss. Mrs. Camp was my Science teacher at Whitehouse and I thoroughly enjoyed her class as well as her stories about where she has lived and been. Again, my condolences from the Barrett Family.

Jason Barrett - April 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM