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Mary “Frances” Wike, 68, died in a local hospital Thursday, Dec. 13, 2012, following a three-year battle with cancer and COPD.

Frances was born Dec. 14, 1943, in San Angelo to the late A.C.

Wike and Susie Wike Baze. She attended schools in San Angelo and received her B.A. Degree from Texas Christian University in 1967.

She moved to Houston where she was employed as a paralegal, ending her employment with Sheehy, Ware and Pappas.

She took a year off from college in 1964 to move to New York and work at the World’s Fair. Completing her bucket list was a trip she was given, following her first

diagnosis of cancer, that took her to London, Paris and Amsterdam with her friend, David Lewis. She traveled extensively, and traveled all over the world. Her last trip was back home for her 50th class reunion at San Angelo Central High School.

Frances was a Baptist, a member of the ACLU, the NRA, the Democratic Party, a champion of the underdog, and a lover of all animals. Her last "project" was rehabbing baby skunks, Maya and Baxter.

Preceded in death by her parents; her step-father Winford Baz; and grandparents, Frances is survived by her sister, Carolyn Batten, of Tyler; one nephew, Jim Batten and wife Barbara of Cape Coral, Fla.; one niece, Francie Hodges and husband Bryan; and greatnephews, Will Hodges, of Georgetown, and Clayton Hodges. She also is survived by her two Scottish Fold cats, Bonnie Kate and Lucy. In keeping with Frances' wishes, her body will be cremated and buried beside her parents at Rose Hill Cemetery in Tyler. A memorial

service will take place at a  
later date.

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
is in charge of arrangements.

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