

In Memoriam

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Always in our hearts...

Martha McBride Fikes



Martha McBride Fikes passed away December 28, 2023, with her family by her side. Born July 23, 1938, in Fort Worth, Martha graduated from Carter Riverside High and North Texas State University with Magna Cum Laude honors in Sociology. She married her soulmate, Jack C. Fikes, on December 20, 1955. They celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary just days prior to her death.

Martha was a long-time volunteer for Texas Health Resources, serving on the Texas Health Resources Foundation Board, the Kupferle Health Board Executive Committee, and chairing the 2021 Puttin' on the Pink Fashion Luncheon. She and Jack have been faithful supporters of Texas Health since 1999, and are members of the Circle of Giving Society and the Hawthorne Society.

H. Kay Jarvis



H. Kay Jarvis peacefully transitioned from this life on April 14, 2023, in Plano, Texas. She met Texas Health Resources Foundation Board Member, Ken Jarvis, while attending Polytechnic High School in San Francisco. Kay and Ken were married on July 3, 1954. They shared 68 loving years of marriage, 72 wonderful years of friendship, and two children. Kay received her Associates of Arts degree from College DuPage in 1972, and a year later earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from George Williams College.

Kay was a true servant leader who realized the importance of serving and giving back. Her commitment to civic and philanthropic endeavors led the couple to establish the H. Kay and Kenneth B. Jarvis Foundation. The Foundation received the Heritage Award from the African American Museum of Dallas in 2011 for "extraordinary contributions to the development of the African American Museum." Kay and Ken are also loyal donors to Texas Health Resources Foundation and are members of the Circle of Giving Society and Hawthorne Society.

Kay was also actively involved with the Plano Richardson Family Outreach whose mission was prevention of child abuse and neglect. She taught immigrant women English as a second language with a program established by the City of Plano, and was an active member of the Texas Women's Foundation (formerly The Dallas Women's Foundation).

Janice LeBlanc Kelly



Janice LeBlanc Kelly was born in Abbeville, Louisiana, on July 21, 1932, and passed away in Fort Worth on November 10, 2023.

After graduating Abbeville High, Janice moved to Virginia, where she attended the Southern Seminary. Janice worked in a variety of jobs while attending Southern Seminary, including a job at the Pentagon, where her beautiful southern charm caught the attention of photographer, Dee Kelly. After a short courtship, the couple was married in December 1954.

The Kellys moved to Fort Worth, which would become their lifetime home. Dee established his own private law practice, which grew into Kelly, Hart & Hallman, the largest law firm in Tarrant County.

Janice was active in her community, and had a passion for helping the homeless. She frequently volunteered at the Presbyterian Night Shelter. Along with her husband, Janice was a supporter of many Fort Worth treasured institutions, like Bass Performance Hall, the Kimbell Art Museum, the Modern Art Museum, the Fort Worth Zoo, and Texas Christian University.

Janice and Dee are members of the Texas Health Resources Foundation's Hawthorne Society, supporting expansion of the Marion Emergency Care Center at Texas Health Fort Worth, and the Ben Hogan Perseverance Award.

Mary Virginia Henry Pease



Mary Virginia Henry Pease, 100, passed away October 15, 2023, in Fort Worth.

Mary Virginia was born on August 24, 1923, in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. She was strong, stubborn, and determined to spread her wings and expand her horizons. In 1942, at 19, Mary took a bus from Pennsylvania to San Diego, to study nursing. It was there she met Naval Air Corps pilot Herbert L. Pease. On February 3, 1946, they were married in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, in the Catholic Church.

In 1966, they moved to Fort Worth where Herb started his business, Marketing Management Inc. (MMI). Mary was a big part of the success of MMI.

They also found friends at Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Southwest Fort Worth, and through their philanthropic support, they named Pease Tower. They are members of the Hawthorne Society and the Farrington-Thompson Society at Texas Health Resources Foundation.

Debra Rutherford Thompson

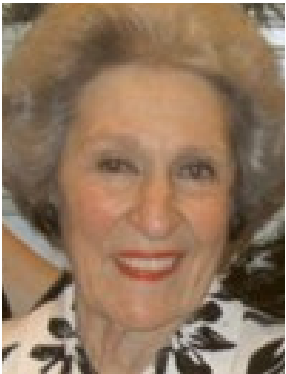


Debra Rutherford Thompson passed away on July 29, 2023, in her home in Highland Park, Texas. As a child in Dallas, Debra's aunt enrolled her in beauty pageants, which led to her modeling in print and runway for Neiman Marcus. Paired with a scholarship, Debra used her modeling income to complete her Bachelor of Business Administration at Southern Methodist University.

While overseeing the Dallas Admiral's Club for American Airlines, she was a self-made millionaire from her smart real estate investments. John P. Thompson, Sr. met Debra at the Admiral's Club and the two married in 1975 and adopted daughter Mary Ann in 1977.

The Thompsons became devoted donors to Texas Health Resources Foundation and supported the S. Finley Ewing Chair of Wellness Endowment at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas. They also made gifts to the Douglas D. Hawthorne Endowed Scholarship for Excellence in Healthcare and the Margot Perot Capital Campaign Fund. John served on the Board of Texas Health Dallas, and became a member of the Foundation's Hawthorne Society in 2013.

Rosemary Haggar Vaughn



Rosemary Haggar Vaughn passed away peacefully on May 10, 2023, surrounded by her children.

Rosemary was born in Dallas on December 18, 1926, and attended Saint Mary's College and Southern Methodist University. She served on the board of directors for the Haggar Apparel Company and was later named the Executive Director of The Haggar Foundation, the charitable arm of her family's clothing business.

Rosemary's greatest joy was being a mother and grandmother. Affectionately known as "Mimi," she loved being with her family and celebrating special days and events. She proudly attended every soccer game, baseball game, hockey game, track and cross country meet, equestrian event, and music program that she could.

She was the President of the Rosemary Haggar Vaughn Family Foundation, which focused on education, the arts, healthcare, and other areas. She served on many boards, such as Southern Methodist University Meadows School of the Arts, Northwood University, El Centro College, Dallas Can Academy, Dallas Symphony Orchestra League, Dallas Summer Musicals, Dallas Opera, A Weekend To Wipe Out Cancer, and Inwood National Bank.

A faithful donor to Texas Health Resources Foundation and member of the Hawthorne Society, Rosemary supported the Margot Perot Capital Campaign Fund at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas, the Legacy of Care Campaign, and the Wellness for Life Mobile Health Program.

Vivienne Hanger Wilson



Vivienne Hanger Wilson passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on September 29, 2023. Vivienne was born in Fort Worth on March 13, 1927. She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl Wilson, and her dear friend, John MacMakin.

Vivienne's children and grandchildren were her greatest joy. Her family believes that she was the most loving, caring, and generous mother, grandmother, and great grandmother.

Vivienne began supporting the Texas Health Resources Foundation in 1985 with gifts to the Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth Sid W. Richardson Tower and the Women's Wellness Fund. She became a member of the Foundation's Hawthorne Society in 1990.