



Katherine Landes

August 17, 1931 - November 16, 2019

Katherine (Kay, Grandma KK) was born on August 17, 1931 in Kansas City, Kansas and lived in Lawrence, Kansas until the age of ten. Her family then moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan where she lived until she moved to Texas. She was the daughter of Kenneth Knight Landes and Susan Beach Landes and the youngest of 3 siblings with 2 older brothers, the late Robert and Walter Landes. She was married to Charles Reinke, Jr. in February 1952 until 1976. They had four children together.

Kay graduated from the University of Michigan in 1952 with a BA in History. She and Charles moved to Midland, TX in 1954 and then to Lubbock, TX in 1960 where Charles worked for Mobil as a Petroleum Geologist. They moved to Dallas in 1964. Kay then returned to the University of North Texas to earn teaching certification and began working for the DISD as an elementary school teacher in 1969. She later earned her masters' degree in Liberal Arts from SMU in 1974-75 and eventually began working in administration to write curriculum for the DISD.

Kay moved to Santa Fe in 1981 and worked for the New Mexico Department

of Education, writing curriculum and traveling the state to visit underserved school districts to work on improving the school systems there. She then moved to Washington State and briefly worked in a private school. She returned to Dallas in 1988 and began teaching at her beloved James Hogg Elementary School until she retired at 70 in 2001. Education was of the utmost importance to Kay and her students and colleagues adored her.

Kay was an avid sports fan, especially when it came to her U of M Wolverines. She pretty much watched every game of every season without fail. Her favorite hobbies were traveling, reading, gardening and listening to music. She had a fun and lively spirit and was often ready to challenge your intellect with her extensive vocabulary. She loved life, her family and being on this Earth. Kay is survived by her daughter, Sue and Daughter-in-law Dorrie Crosby, Kevin Watson; son Carl Reinke and Daughter-in-Law Susan Reinke; and daughter Sarah Williamson and Son-in-Law Kenneth Williamson. She is also survived by her Grandchildren Michael Watson, Sarah Watson, Lindsey and John Hunt, Chris and Lindsay Reinke, Andrew Williamson, Jaclyn Williamson, and Great Grandchildren Kaleb, Jayde, Josh, Corena Hunt and Lynlee Reinke. Kay is preceded in death by her youngest son, David Reinke.

A private family memorial will be held at a later date.