

## MARY ANN KING

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1929 – 2009

BRIDGEPORT: Mary Ann King, 79, a business woman active in Wise County for 48 years, died on November 29th at Senior Care Lake Pointe in Rockwall, Texas, after a long battle with cancer.

Mary Ann was born December 8, 1929, to Frank B. and Ethel Carroll Parker in Fort Worth, Texas. Her family moved to Canyon, Texas, where she graduated from high school and college. She attended West Texas State University, completing a double degree in History and in English in 1950. Frank and Ethel moved to Bridgeport in 1948 where Frank was employed as the Wise County Tax Assessor and later opened The Stationery Shop at 1012 Halsell Street. Mary Ann was preceded in death by her brother, Stanley C. Parker, a captain for American Airlines.

Mary Ann's father, Frank, was the son of W.C. and Henry Ann Parker, ranchers in the Big Bend region of Texas, and was a descendant of the Parkers who settled Comanche County in the

1800's. Mary Ann's mother, Ethel, was the daughter and only descendant of Burl and Mary Elizabeth Carroll. Burl was elected the superintendent of all Tarrant County schools in 1917 and after whom the community of Southlake Carroll, the Carroll School and the Carroll Independent School District are named.

Mary Ann and James King purchased The Stationery Shop from her father in 1961 when Frank and Ethel retired to their cattle ranch near Boonsville. Mary Ann was esteemed in the communities of Wise County through her sales of office supplies, gifts, Hallmark cards and party goods, Noritake china, and for a time, hit records and LPs, tropical fish, and custom offset printing. She also sang in several choral groups including the First United Methodist church choir and the Community Chorus.

Mary Ann was married to Hank D. Cordova in 1953 and had one daughter, Elise (Cordova) Turner. Elise and her husband, Tim Turner, reside in Okarche, Oklahoma, and have two children, Jennifer Turner of Brielle in The Netherlands and Maj. John Turner and his wife, Maj. Soraya Turner, of Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas.

Mary Ann was married to James B. King in 1957, and they had one daughter, Pamela (King) Statton, and two sons James B. King, Jr. and Robert L King. Pamela and her husband, Scott, live in Colorado Springs with their children Katelyn, Amy, Jill and Sam Statton. James and his wife, Donna, live in Wylie, Texas and have one daughter, Dani Rose King of Branson, Missouri. Robert and his wife, Heather, live in Richardson, Texas with their daughters, Josephine and Audrey King.

Mary Ann will be interred at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Fort Worth in the Carroll family plot. A memorial service will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Bridgeport on Thursday, December 3rd at 1:00 pm. The Rev. Dana Coker will officiate and Alice Harwell Russ, Brenda Canova Kennedy and Doug Bridwell will provide special music. A time will be given for memories of Mary Ann to be shared.

*North Dallas Funeral Home*

