



Jeanne Alice White Wilson

April 17, 1941 - July 6, 2024

Jeanne Alice White Wilson, 83, of Austin, TX , died peacefully on July 6, 2024

She was born in Austin, Texas on April 17, 1941 to Ruthmary Taylor White and B. Frank White, where she spent many hot summer days in the cool waters of Barton Springs. Jeanne earned her Bachelor's degree from the University of Texas, where she stayed to complete her Master's of Science in Social Work.

A life-long public servant, Jeanne spent most of her career with the Texas Department of Human Services. Her fierce commitment to the protection of children informed her work regulating children's mental health institutions and providing counseling to foster youth.

As a single mother, Jeanne worked tirelessly to ensure her daughter and grandchildren had everything they needed with plenty of treats on the side. She was playful and joyful and encouraged the creativity and curiosity that is fundamental to lifelong learning.

Jeanne had a deep passion for creative work and contributed her talents as both a stage manager and director to numerous productions at local theaters including Zach Scott and Zilker Hillside theaters in Austin and the Baker Theater in Lockhart. Following her retirement, Jeanne became an avid crafter, blessing her loved ones with intricate needlepoint projects and quilts.

Jeanne is survived by her daughter, B. Jessica Arjet; her sister, Deborah White; her brother-in-law, Charles Bernsen; her brother, Greg White; her grandchildren, Catherine and Henry Arjet; and her nephews, Paul Branning, Phillip Branning, Timothy White, and Sean White. She was preceded in death by her parents.

A celebration of life will be held later in the year to honor Jeanne's legacy. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Sierra Club or the Audubon Society, reflecting her love for nature and commitment to environmental causes.

Jeanne was often described as a force of nature for her fierce commitment to the people and causes she cared about. Her life was a testament to the strength and resilience of Texan women. Her memory will continue to inspire those who knew her.

Tribute Wall

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“ Memories of my big sister are such a comfort to me now. Here are three of my favorite photos. — Debbie White



Debbie - July 12, 2024 at 06:27 PM

MG

Oh my, Debbie. Jeanne looks like your mother, and Greg looks like your dad. In them I see Ruthmary and B. Frank, people who were so kind to me. I loved them and miss them. I'm so sorry you lost your big sis. Love you. Mariana

Mariana Greene - July 12, 2024 at 06:52 PM

JA

I love these photos.

Jessica Arjet - July 12, 2024 at 07:39 PM

RM

What a beautiful smile! So sorry to hear of her passing.

Rochelle McConico - July 17, 2024 at 09:51 PM