



Myrna Jeanne Wedemeier

September 24, 1942 - October 30, 2024

Myrna Jeanne Davenport Wedemeier was born on September 24th, 1942, in Houston, Texas, to Samuel Chester and Barbara Lorraine Davenport. She grew up in Victoria, Texas, where she completed high school. She went on to earn a Bachelor's degree in Education from Southwest Texas State College in 1964, and then to complete a Master's of Art degree in 1977 and a Master's of Fine Art in 1986, both from Texas Woman's University.

Jeanne's first marriage was to Jerry Peters, 1963-1967. She then married Donald Nicholas, 1968 to 1988, with whom she had a daughter, Kara. In 2001 she married Thomas Wedemeier, whom she was with until his death in 2017..

Jeanne began painting in her childhood, and in her teens had the opportunity to study with Simon Michael at his art school in Rockport, on the Texas coast. She paired a lifelong love for the outdoors with a passion for capturing it in drawings and paint. Her realist style was not aligned with contemporary trends in the art world, but she enjoyed modest success as a commissioned portrait artist while also creating many striking landscapes of the Texas coastal plain and beaches.

Her career in education ranged from traditional high school teaching in English and art to work with the mentally handicapped at the Austin State School and Edith Armstrong Center to directorship of educational services for

the state of Texas' Genetics Screening and Counseling Services. Jeanne taught in San Marcos, Austin, Denton, Dallas, and Bay City, and she retired from teaching in 1996. In her retirement, Jeanne returned to painting, collected seashells, and took care of her mother and then her husband as they aged.

Jeanne was preceded in death by her parents, her step-father, Allen Uhlar of Victoria, her step-mother, Sallie Davenport of Houston, her husband, her step-sister, Mary Katherine "Kas" Powell of Houston, and step-brother, Jerry Warring of Houston. She is survived by her daughter Kara Nicholas, step-son Leslie Nicholas, and step-daughter Julianne McNeff.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation, <https://www.tpwf.org>, to support the natural spaces that Jeanne loved.

Cemetery Details

Eloise Woods Natural Burial Park

115 Northside Lane
Cedar Creek, TX 78612
(512) 796-5240
<http://eloisewoods.com>

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV 3. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Cousin Jeanne was an incredible artist as kids we would go to Grandpa Miller's for holidays, on one particular holiday Jeanne asked if someone would volunteer to pose for her, she wanted to do a sketch she was only 16, I was about 5, I still have that picture hanging in my home. My most recent memory is when we would go shopping, she loved the sales racks, and I enjoyed talking to her about the family. RIP Jeanne*

Anna Bounds - November 02, 2024 at 07:54 PM

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“ *Peg Carter PhD*

I first met Jeanne in 1979 when I started work at Genetics Screening & Counseling in Denton. We had an instant connection, like long lost sisters finding each other, and that was true throughout our lives. Of all her many accomplishments I am still in Awe Of the fantastic job, she did organizing the millions of photographs at Genetics in to a way that doctors can easily find and use in their diagnoses.

Peg Carter PhD - November 02, 2024 at 12:15 PM

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Jeanne dedicated herself to caring for her mother, Lorraine, as she aged. Here she is with her mother and daughter Kara in 2007.

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“ *Jeanne was my roommate at Southwest Texas State College. She was the Maid of Honor in our wedding in 1963. I was part of her wedding s twice, and dropped the ring in the first and sang in the second to Don Nicholas. She and Tom Weidemier attended our 50th wedding anniversary which was hosted by our son, Lyle. I was so happy to be able to visit her in Austin when she returned here. She has a special place in my heart forever.*



Gerry Knowles Brooks - November 01, 2024 at 01:58 PM