



Rheta Marie Haas Page

November 26, 1937 - February 28, 2024

With tremendous sadness, the family of Rheta Marie Haas Page announces her passing on February 28, 2024, in Austin, Texas.

Rheta was born on November 26, 1937, to Paul and Mary Haas in Houston, TX. At an early age, she moved with her parents to Corpus Christi, where she attended Fisher Primary School, Wynn Seale Junior High School, and graduated from W. B. Ray High School. She went on to study Political Science at Wellesley College where she graduated with the class of 1959. Throughout her life, Rheta stayed connected with her college and classmates through reunions, mini-reunions, the Houston Wellesley Alumnae Club, and even serving as Vice President of her class from 2015-2019. While in college, Rheta met Robert (Bob) Page who came to campus to return a mutual friend's records and left having met the beautiful woman with the sparkling brown eyes who would be the love of his life. Rheta and Bob were married on July 18, 1959 and after several moves settled in Houston. Together, they shared a love of theater, music, traveling, dancing, literature, and current events. Via plane, boat, and their trusty turtle (RV), they traveled the country and the world together, seeing natural wonders, great performances, and diverse cultures. While at home, Rheta enjoyed season tickets to the Houston Ballet, Opera, and Symphony, beach excursions to Galveston and Corpus, and settling in for an evening of reading or watching Houston PBS programming. Rheta shared these passions with her children, grandchildren, and friends.

Rheta told her children when they were little that she was the tallest woman in the world. This might not be strictly true, but her presence made a difference to all those who were around her. Rheta had a vibrant personality and was known for her kindness, commitment, and intelligence. She was a pillar of strength for her family and a respected member of her community. Rheta gave her time, interest and energy to stabilize and support her family, friends and the Presbyterian Church, as well as other institutions in which she believed. Rheta served on the Session of Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church, donated her energies as a social worker and supervisor at Memorial Assistance Ministries, and held a place on the board of Mo-Ranch. She was actively involved in the League of

Women Voters and the Houston Junior Forum.

Rheta will be greatly missed by her husband Bob, her children, Jennifer Zega and husband Jim, Katy Bourgeois and husband Greg, and Fritz Page and wife Darcie. Additionally, she will be forever remembered by her 6 grandchildren, Grace, Max, Greyson, Abigail, Anderson, and Alexandra, her siblings, Rene Haas and husband David Perry and Ray Haas and wife Amanda and extended family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church in Austin, Texas on April 13, 2024, at 2:00 pm to celebrate Rheta's life. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions in her honor be sent to the following organizations:

Mo-Ranch: <https://www.moranch.org/support-mo-ranch/donate-now/>

Houston Ballet: <https://give.houstonballet.org/give-now/>

Memorial Assistance Ministries: <https://maministries.ejoinme.org/tribute>

Rheta Marie Haas Page will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her, but her legacy of kindness, generosity, and cultural appreciation will live on in the hearts of those she touched.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church
5226 W. William Cannon Dr.
Austin, TX 78749