



Claire Wilkins

Claire Meeker Wilkins died peacefully at home surrounded by her family on October 20, 2015. Claire was born in 1920 in St. Joseph, Missouri. She attended the University of Kansas where she met Bob Wilkins; they married shortly after her graduation. After the war, they moved to Austin where Bob got a master's degree in petroleum engineering, and Claire taught school. After stops in Borger, Texas, and Bartlesville, Oklahoma, they moved to Tulsa where children Jack, James, and Anne were born. They moved to Dallas in 1958, then to Plano in 1972 to accommodate what became a rather large herd of Arabian horses. Claire studied at Scottish Rite and subsequent to her training, tutored children with dyslexia for many years. She acquired her Master's Degree at TWU in education, specializing in language in the late 1970s. Claire and Bob moved back to Dallas in 2001. Claire's passions were numerous and varied. She pursued art of all sorts - hers and that of others. Claire loved animals and enjoyed vegetable and flower gardening. A flower show judge and a competitor in flower shows herself, Claire was actively showing and judging shows until three years ago. She was an excellent cook, a skill she passed on to all of her children and grandchildren. She loved to dance; she and Bob belonged to dance clubs where dinner, dress, and live music were top notch. She always dressed beautifully. She and Bob travelled extensively. They were active members of Highland Park Presbyterian Church. Bob predeceased her. She is survived by her three children, Jack Wilkins of Austin, James Wilkins of San Francisco, and Anne Herrick of Topsham, Maine and their spouses, five grandchildren, and her dear friend Henry Crittenden. A memorial service will be held on November 21 at 10:00 a.m. in the chapel of Highland Park Presbyterian Church. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, Luke Waites Center for Dyslexia, 2222 Welborn St, Dallas, TX 75219, tsrhc.org.