



Nancy Jane (Vance)

Nancy Jane Vance Cooley was born December 29, 1920 to Rex and Isola Vance in Ft. Worth, TX. She passed away peacefully on May 22, 2017. Her beloved husband John predeceased her in 2014. She is survived by her children, Karen and Greg Raney, Paula and Mark Holman, grandchildren Jeff, Melissa, John and Sean. Nancy was an accomplished woman - master-degreed, educator, author, and painter. Her English degree was evident in her spoken and written precision. Nancy raised young daughters alone while John served during the Korean War. She expected those around her to be their very best, and therefore raised strong, confident, successful daughters. Together Nancy and John enjoyed music and dancing and traveling the world. At retirement they relocated to Garland to be closer to family. Melissa and John enjoyed Nana and Papa John while growing up in the same city they lived in. Jeff and Sean loved their visits to Garland to see them. Nancy enjoyed social activities. She was active in Garland Newcomers and Eastern Hills Country Club. She was published in the Garland News 'Around the Town' column. She was a master bridge player. She also attended theater and modeled in, and/or narrated fashion shows. Her friends often remarked of her kindness. She gifted our entire family 3 'Texaribbean' cruises - the greatest portion of the gift being the memories created together. She will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by family and friends. A memorial service will be announced at a later date.