



Barbara Kay Vordenbaum Pino, Ph.D.

May 13, 1941 - January 31, 2020

Barbara Kay Vordenbaum Pino, Ph.D. was born May 13, 1941, in San Antonio to Alton and Otilie (Baetge) Vordenbaum, both of whom were members of pioneer Texas families.

Barbara attended San Antonio public schools, graduating Valedictorian from Thomas Jefferson High School to which she later returned as a Teacher of French and Spanish. After earning a Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin, she became a Professor of Spanish and Education at Southwest Texas State University. She was a member of the founding faculty of the University of Texas at San Antonio where she taught for more than 30 years until her retirement as Associate Professor Emerita.

In 1984, she married Dr. Frank Pino, Jr., the Chairman of the Foreign Language Division at the University of Texas at San Antonio. Both Drs. Frank and Barbara Pino were scholars and patrons of Hispanic Culture in San Antonio and Texas. They were among the founders of El Patronato de la Cultura Hispanoamericana and Los Sembradores of San Antonio Educational Foundation and served several terms as co-presidents. Longtime members of the Bulverde United Methodist Church, they were active in the Choir.

Dr. Barbara Pino was a member of the San Antonio Conservation Society and the Symphony League and was honored as a member of the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame in 2001. In the fall of 2019, she was selected as a Yellow Rose recipient from the Governor of the State of Texas as an outstanding role model for professional women.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Frank, and survived by her many cousins, colleagues, and friends. For many years, both Barbara and Frank were cared for with devotion by Adela Navarro, Belem Tovar, and Alvaro Galván, to whom her family extends profound gratitude and thanks.

SERVICES

The Service will begin at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, February 7, 2020 at Bulverde United Methodist Church, 28300 US-281, San Antonio, TX 78260. A Reception will follow at the Church. She will be interred at Sunset Memorial Park alongside her husband, Frank, her parents, and Frank's mother in a private ceremony.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Park

1701 Austin Hwy
San Antonio, TX 78218

Previous Events

Service

FEB 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

Bulverde United Methodist Church
28300 Highway 281 North
Bulverde, TX 78260

Tribute Wall

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“ *The entire family at The Public Theater is saddened by this news. Dr. Pino was an incredible and kind woman. We will miss her her at the theater. We are grateful for her generosity and patronage. Frank and Barbara were always enjoyable humans with great energy to share in our creative world. We send our love.*

George Green - March 26, 2020 at 03:52 PM

ML

“ *Maribel Larraga lit a candle in memory of Barbara Kay Vordenbaum Pino, Ph.D.*



Maribel Larraga - February 09, 2020 at 01:40 AM

ML

“ *Heartfelt condolences to Dr. Pino's family. This news has impacted me profoundly. I first met Dr. Pino in the late 90's while grading TOPTs in Austin. More recently, we reconnected after she invited me to speak at a gathering of El Patronato. She had a radiant personality and presence. I will continue to carry you in my prayers, Dr. Barbara Pino.*
Maribel Lárraga, Ph.D.

Maribel Larraga - February 09, 2020 at 01:34 AM

GG

“ *My condolences to the friends and family of Dr. Barbara Pino. I knew her through El Patronato. She invited me to speak about my research on Mexican American women activists on two occasions. Both Barbara and Frank Pino were so kind, gracious, and supportive of my work. I am grateful to them for that and for their many years of work at UTSA and service to the broader San Antonio community. May they rest in peace.*

Gabriela Gonzalez - February 08, 2020 at 01:24 AM

MG

“ The first time I met Frank and Barbara Pino was when I arrived in San Antonio from California in late May of 1988 for my campus visit and job interview. Both of them were my hosts for my visit with the Division of Foreign Languages at UTSA. I remember in particular how gracious they were on the Friday night of my brief stay. I had asked to go to the famous Riverwalk for dinner, not knowing how popular it would be on a pleasant spring evening. We stopped at many eateries, but my acute sensitivity to the loud noise of the diners inside made me reject one after another. We walked and walked, finally settling on one that was relatively quiet--and probably one of the more expensive restaurants in the city! But they never complained about my being so demanding and we had a very nice dinner thanks to their unwavering consideration of my needs. Barbara was always a "can-do" person, and Frank was always very proud of her skills and accomplishments. I was happy to have had them as colleagues for all of my 24 years at UTSA. It was an honor to have known both of them.

MaryEllen Garcia, Ph.D.



Maryellen Garcia - February 06, 2020 at 04:30 PM

MV

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Dr. Barbara Pino. She was an outstanding educator and mentor. Her kindness, knowledge, and advocacy will be greatly missed.

Martha L Vasquez
World Languages Coordinators, SAISD

Martha Vasquez - February 06, 2020 at 02:25 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Kay Vordenbaum Pino, Ph.D..*



February 05, 2020 at 12:31 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Barbara Kay Vordenbaum Pino, Ph.D..*



February 05, 2020 at 10:38 AM



“ *Elizabeth (liz) Olvera lit a candle in memory of Barbara Kay Vordenbaum Pino, Ph.D.*



Elizabeth (liz) Olvera - February 05, 2020 at 09:54 AM



“ *May her spirit shine forth in the lives of all the individuals that have known her.*



Anna M Hernandez - February 04, 2020 at 11:09 PM

ME

“ I only knew Barbara through El Patronato but that was enough to know that she had a beautiful soul. I consider myself fortunate to have met her.

Mary Esther Escobedo

Mary Esther Escobedo - February 04, 2020 at 07:28 PM