



Margaret Carol Harris

April 15, 1943 - April 17, 2013

Margaret Carol Harris was born in Dallas, Texas, on April 15, 1943, and passed away at her home in San Antonio on April 17, 2013. She was preceded in death by her parents, William Cecil Adams and Esther Warden Adams. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Dudley Harris, her son and daughter-in-law, Adam and Megan Harris, and granddaughter, Amelia Harris, and siblings Jerry Adams and Barbara Klauser.

Carol was defined by her love of family, her sense of fairness and her generosity. She did not ask, "Does this work for me?" Rather, she said, "If it works for everyone, it works for me." She gave her time and resources to projects and organizations designed to strengthen the community such as Women for Peace, the San Antonio Public Library, Missions for Vision, Planned Parenthood, Texas Public Radio, Impact San Antonio and the River North Planning and Development Organization. Her generosity and commitment to creating strong communities also shaped her home life. She opened her home to a number of young people as they went to school or were finding their way. She did not just provide a place to stay; she also guided them and encouraged them in making good decisions.

Carol was very curious. She was a learner with an engineer's mind. Many of her accomplishments started with the question, "How and why does it work this way?" Once she understood, she would say, "I can manage this!" When her husband needed an ophthalmic surgical assistant, Carol got herself trained and assisted her husband in Guam, throughout Micronesia, in

Guatemala, El Salvador, India, Kyrgyzstan, and in San Antonio for thirty years. After returning from Guam, Carol earned a law degree and enjoyed the private practice of law for two years. In 1980, she shared her husband's vision of the future of medicine, and she designed an Ambulatory Surgery Center. The result was the first such facility in Texas to be accredited by Medicare.

Throughout her thirty-three years as administrator for the practice, Carol made sure that patients and staff were treated "fair and square".

Carol was also a planner and traveler. She liked to be prepared. There were few situations in which she did not have what she needed whether it was doing surgery in Guatemala or having a picnic in France.

We will be celebrating Carol's life with a Memorial Service and Reception on Sunday, May 5th, from 3:00-5:00 P.M. in the afternoon at the Southwest School of Art, 300 Augusta. Reception begins at 3:00 P.M. with a memorial ceremony from 3:30 to 4:00 P.M.. In keeping with Carol's commitment to being prepared and having things work for everyone, there will be an area for children to play.

In lieu of flowers, please give your support to one of Carol's favorite projects: Texas Public Radio, Planned Parenthood and the San Antonio Public Library.