



Martha Belle Etter

November 18, 1929 - April 25, 2019

Martha Belle Borders Etter passed away April 25, 2019 in San Antonio, Texas. She was the fifth child born to Clifton E. and Grace A. Busby Borders in Hallettsville, Texas November 18, 1929. Martha moved, with her family, to San Antonio in 1934, living here the remainder of her years. She graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1947 and was a lifelong member of Woodlawn Methodist Church and a founding member of University Methodist Church. She is survived by her son, Gary Stanley Etter and wife Betty Jean Williams Etter and twin granddaughters: Elizabeth Lynne Etter and Alexandria Kaye Idstein and husband, Isaac Idstein. She is preceded in death by her husband, Stanley G. Etter; her parents, one sister, Lily Grace Rosser and one brother, Douglas Clifton Borders. Survived by brothers Colonel Charles Wesley Borders, retired Air Force, and John Lee Borders; sister, Jewel Christine Parr. Ten nieces and nephews; twenty-one great nieces and nephews.

Martha was secretary to two Bishops of The United Methodist Church (1976-1988); led two delegations to General Conference, The United Methodist Church (1992 & 2000); served as Southwest Texas Conference Lay Leader (1992-2000) and Chair of the Jurisdictional Lay Leaders (1996-2000); elected to serve as member of the General Board of Discipleship, The United Methodist Church, 1996-2004. She served as PTA President of Pat Neff Middle School in 1967, and maintained a current membership in the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

Visitation will be held at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North on Tuesday April 30, 2019 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM. Services will be celebrated Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 1:00 PM, at University United Methodist Church, 5084 DeZavala Road, with interment at Mission Burial Park North. There will be a reception at the church, following the graveside service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the church.

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park North

20900 IH 10 West
San Antonio, TX 78257

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 30. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Funeral Service

MAY 1. 1:00 PM (CT)

University United Methodist Church
5084 DeZavala Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78249

Tribute Wall

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“ *Martha and Stanley were the first members of University United Methodist Church to lovingly greet and make our young family feel welcome and at home when we arrived in San Antonio in 1982. They nurtured our growth as a Christian family encouraging our participation in every aspect of the church. Martha and Stanley’s sincere friendship and encouragement throughout the years was a great blessing to the Herbold family. May Martha enjoy eternal life!*

Dr. Ed and Ellie Herbold - April 28, 2019 at 01:59 PM