



Martha Ann Howell Fanning

September 17, 1929 - February 12, 2018

Martha Fanning, loving wife and partner in ministry with her husband, Buckner Fanning, died and was reunited with her husband in heaven on Monday February 12, 2018.

A native of Dallas, Martha Fanning was intimately involved in church from her very first days on earth. She grew up in the First Baptist Church in Dallas and spent most of her time performing in the worship services, both as a soloist and as a member of the choir. She graduated salutatorian from Forest Avenue High School in Dallas and received a four-year scholarship to Southern Methodist University School of Music.

She met her future husband while playing the piano at a Youth Revival service in Dallas and she and Buckner were married at the First Baptist Church in Dallas on June 5, 1949. She and Buckner then spent the next ten years traveling the world doing evangelistic work. In 1959, they accepted a position at Trinity Baptist Church in San Antonio where they ministered for 42 years.

Martha was an accomplished musician who recorded numerous albums. In addition, she co-authored a book with her good friend Millie Cooper entitled "What Every Woman Still Knows." But most of all, she was such an integral and indispensable part of Buckner's evangelistic ministry, and he to her music ministry, that it is impossible to separate the two of them when speaking about

their impact for Christ over 6 decades.

Her greatest joy was having the privilege of serving Christ for her entire life. A very close second was being married to Buckner for over 66 years and partnering with him in ministry for all those years. And last, but not least, she loved her children, their spouses and her grandkids, who will always remember them as their “Mimi and Beau.”

MESSAGE FROM THE FANNING FAMILY

First of all, we want to extend our most heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation to each one of you who have called, texted, emailed or spoken to us about Mom. It is incredibly uplifting and heartening to hear your words of testimony about how Mom touched and impacted your life. Your words help us so much during this difficult time and we want to thank you.

Secondly, we want Mom’s memorial service to be open and available to anyone who wishes to celebrate her life with us. The details of the service are below...

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2018

2:00 P.M.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF SAN ANTONIO

23755 CANYON GOLF ROAD

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78258

(210) 402-3672

We would ask that if you sang with Mom in a choir in the past, please consider being a part of the choir at the memorial service. There will be a choir rehearsal at The Fellowship of San Antonio at 1:15 pm on Sunday, February 18 before the service.

Martha will be laid to rest next to Buckner in a private ceremony with family present at Mission Burial Park North.

Her family has provided an opportunity to those who wish to spend a moment with Martha from 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. on Friday, February 16, 2018 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, 3401 Cherry Ridge Drive.

Martha was preceded to heaven by her husband, Buckner Fanning, and her parents, Kenneth Ewing and Willie B. Howell. She is survived by her sons, Mike and Harriet Fanning and Steve and Cecily Fanning; daughter, George and Lisa Fanning Pilgrim; grandchildren, Sean and Julia Fanning DelBeccaro, Michael Fanning Jr., Avery Fanning, Meagan Fanning, Hunter Callahan, Luke Pilgrim; brother, Bob and Margaret Fanning; nephews, Barry Fanning and Marc and Amy Fanning. We would also like to thank Carmen Garcia and Josie Leal for being like family to Mom, Dad and all the Fannings for so many years. In addition, we want to thank Christina, Mary, Lisa, Tamika (Angel), Cece, Ricky, Ali, Maggie, Roger and the staff at Heritage Creek Assisted Living as well as Susie, Barbara, Peggy, Shawna, Melinda and others at Encompass Hospice. Thank you for the being such a great help to Mom at a time in her life when she really needed it.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to: The Buckner Fanning Evangelistic Foundation, 1655 Hawks Tree Lane, San Antonio, TX 78248 or at www.bucknerfanning.com.

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park North

20900 I.H. 10
West San Antonio, TX 78230

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **16**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

FEB **18**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Fellowship of San Antonio
23755 Canyon Golf Rd.
San Antonio, TX

Tribute Wall

LB

“ Thinking of the blessing Martha was to so many and keeping you all in prayer.

Laurel Staffel Babb

Laurel Staffel Babb - February 21, 2018 at 10:24 PM

DL

“ In your house, your wife will be like a vine full of fruit.
All around your table, your children will be like olive trees, freshly planted.

(psalm 127)

in memory of martha

edanny lampel

danny lampel - February 19, 2018 at 12:29 AM

VL

“ SOO very sorry for your loss. My sincerest & deepest condolences to all her family and friends. My thoughts and prayers to all. ❤️🙏❤️



valerie Dufner Lof - February 17, 2018 at 03:46 PM

AW

“ Dear Fanning family,
You mom and dad were part of the tapestry of my life. I will always remember your mom's singing, especially, Were You There When They Crucified My Lord. They were the dynamic duo and I am sad for you, but happy they have been reunited.

Andrea White Willott.

Andrea Willott - February 17, 2018 at 11:00 AM

SC

“ Mike I just wanted to say how sad I was to hear about your beautiful mom. I will never forget how excited I would get when she would sing at Trinity. Or the night we joined Trinity the night your dad started preaching there. I know both your parents are happy reuniting in heaven and Martha singing with the angels.
Sincerely
Susan Todd Cook

susan cook - February 16, 2018 at 08:40 PM

CO

“ Martha,
Thank you for giving to the Lord!
My deepest condolences to all family and friends. Now the best is yet to be I heard.
Carolyn Oreschnigg
FOSA Member

Carolyn Oreschnigg - February 16, 2018 at 05:20 PM

DN

“ It has been hard enough to accept that we didn't have Buckner and his wisdom with us and now we will be without our darling Martha! We have so many wonderful Blanton Street memories that seem like it was yesterday! My love to you Michael and Steve. They were a "dream team" and gave a lot of love and joy to MANY people!
Diane Nash

diane nash - February 16, 2018 at 11:51 AM