



Mary Coulter Hixson

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Mary Coulter Hixson, long-time resident of San Antonio, died June 29, 2007 in Abilene, TX. She was born August 23, 1914 in Vincennes, IN to Thomas Coulter, an attorney and Circuit Court Judge, and Nellie Coulter, teacher and church organist. She earned an A.A in English at Vincennes University and a B.A. in English at the University of Colorado, Boulder and embarked on a lifelong career as a teacher. In 1947 she married Richard P. Hixson, leaving her small-town origins behind as his military career took them to stations near Liverpool, England, various stateside cities, and Honolulu, Hawaii. In 1961 they retired to San Antonio where they continued to raise their two daughters, and Mary began teaching at Bellaire Elementary in Harlandale ISD. They joined Harlandale Methodist Church in 1966. The church honored Mary as a 40-year member in 2006. She was a member of Eastern Star for over 50 years.

Mary was widowed in 1966. She continued teaching until early retirement in 1977, when she began a second “career” as a painter. Her many paintings now grace the walls of her children and extended family. She volunteered at both Southwest General and Southeast Baptist Hospitals for decades. With friends and family she toured the U.S. and cruised many parts of the world, including a trip through the Panama Canal. After a stroke in late 2000, she moved in 2001 from her home of 40 years to Homewood at Air Force Village, where she lived until 2006. Her good friend, Mrs. Gertrude Krienke, was an

invaluable source of support and assistance during that time. The family also wishes to acknowledge the dedicated care she received from the Homewood staff, particularly Delia, Teresa, Charlene, and Rosalinda.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one son, James Richard Hixson who died in infancy, and her sister, Ruth Coulter Davidson. She is survived by her daughters, Jane Hixson of Albuquerque, NM, and Sara Hixson Core of Abilene, TX; her son-in-law, Bill Core of Abilene; her grandchildren, Daniel Core and wife Nichole of Midland, TX, Isaiah Core, and Erin Core of Abilene; and her nephews, Rev. Thomas Davidson of Phoenix, AZ and Dr. Robert Davidson of Redwood City, CA and their children and grandchildren.

Tribute Wall

DL

“*Mrs.Hixon was my teacher and also taught my younger sister. I last saw her 10 or 12 years ago when my grand mother was diagnosed with cancer. She and mrs. Hinkley were working as volenteers at Southeast Baptist. She recognized me ! I am 45 now but I will*

David Ray Lee - July 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JR

“*Dear Jane - Our deepest sympathies and sincere condolences to you and your family on the loss of your mother. Unfortunately we know some of what you are going through as we lost Eleanor's mother June 8. We just couldn't make it to the visitation or fune*

John & Eleanor Ramage - July 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SM

“*I remember Mrs. Hixson as that 5th grade teacher at Bellaire Elementary with the strong, commanding voice, directing us kids to recess or the cafeteria when it was her turn for hall duty. I always felt safe when she was around. I never had her as a teac*

Susan Ford Martin - July 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SW

“*My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Mary was a very special lady and I am proud to have a couple of her paintings that she gave to my deceased mother Dorothy Walker from Harlandale Methodist Church. I will always remember her for her kind*

Susan Walker Edwards and Vernon Walker - July 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *Mary Hixson was a dear friend of ours for many years. We knew her through Harlandale Methodist Church. We sang in the choir together and served with her on many committees in the church. May she rest in peace.*

Raymond & Bonnie Menefee - July 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *My condolences to the family during this time of loss . I also wonder if Mary Coulter Hixson, ever taught at Vincennes Indiana High School. I had the most charming and friendly teacher by this name. She married a serviceman by the name of Hixson a*

Rita Clymer - July 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM