



Ona Fae Boland

March 4, 1942 - April 16, 2020

Ona Fae Williamson Boland, of San Antonio, Texas, died peacefully in her sleep April 16, 2020. She is survived by her daughters Casey Boland of Dallas, and KaNin Reese, son-in-law Jason Reese, and her beloved grandson, Gage, of Dunkirk, Maryland. She is also survived by her brother Bo (and wife Pat) Williamson, of Katy, Texas, and sister-in-law Pat (and husband Bill) Sanders of Louise, Texas, a special aunt and uncle, numerous nieces and nephews, cousins, her caregiver, and adored friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Sidney Boland, PhD, her parents, E.A. and Kitty Williamson of Sealy, Texas, in-laws Ruy J and Ruth Boland, and brothers Kenneth (and wife Lyra) Williamson of Brenham, Texas, and Larry Williamson of Westwego, Louisiana.

Ona was born on March 4, 1942 and raised in Sealy, Texas. After graduating from Sam Houston State University, she went on to teach at Lamar Consolidated High School in Rosenberg, Texas (1964-1965), Edgewood High School in San Antonio (1965-1967), Mancos High School in Mancos, Colorado (1967-1968), Montenzuma-Cortez High School in Cortez, Colorado, and the International School of Bangkok in Bangkok, Thailand (1968-1972) before teaching sociology and world history at Churchill High School in San Antonio for the next 27 years. Teaching was truly her passion and she told vivid stories of her time overseas to engage her students, family, and friends.

Ona and Sid were happily married for 27 years before his death in 1992. She never remarried, but delighted in time with her family and friends, especially spending time in Maryland with her grandson, Gage, and the many lively political discussions she had with close friends. Despite suffering from Rheumatoid Arthritis since 1978 and becoming wheelchair bound, Ona was always up for an adventure to see new things and meet new people. Her spirit and determination through her physical pain was an inspiration to those who knew her.

Ona was a lifelong Christian and a member of University United Methodist Church for close to 40 years. A Christian in word and deed, she was particularly concerned with the lives of the disadvantaged and actively donated to charities helping veterans, families, and those who were food insecure. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the San Antonio Food Bank at SAFoodBank.org.

Tribute Wall

CS

“*Mrs. Boland truly was a stand out teacher and person. It's not easy to entertain and educate a group of high school kids; but she knew how to do it and I remember it. Obviously I'm not the only one who shares this experience, so thank you and congratulations on the positive light you've shined on this world. Carlton class of '84*

Carlton Spinks - May 24, 2020 at 09:38 AM

MO

“*Mrs. Boland was my Sociology teacher at Churchill HS back in the 80s. I loved her class because she always made it interesting. Some teachers demand that their students show them respect, but she respected her students and in turn we felt we mattered to her and it was easy to like and respect her. I am sad to see that she has passed on to the next life, but I am so glad that I knew her for that moment in my life. There is a saying that you may not remember everything someone told you, but you will remember how that person made you feel-she made me feel important and appreciated. I have thought about her often throughout all these years and I too feel pain that such a beautiful soul is no longer among us. Please accept my sincere condolences. I pray that the many wonderful memories will lift you all through the pain of losing her.*

*Monica Barrientos
Sociology Student of the Year 1985*

Monica - April 26, 2020 at 05:52 PM

BB

“ On the main lesson that teens need to hear, "Other People Are Real," Mz Boland was my main teacher. Part of it was I believed that she saw and knew *me*, in a context where many teachers just didn't. She had a way of letting you know she was in your corner, even and especially when you needed correction and guidance, which she gave without the slightest scold.

She had a good dictionary, where the definition of "niceness" didn't include letting bullies get their way, or letting wrongs go unaddressed. Her definition of "gentleness" didn't include laxitude or overpermissiveness. Most of all, her definition of "the good life" emphatically included travel, food, conversation, really hearing people and communicating with them, and always expanding the boundaries of one's concern.

Her rich, crazy schoolroom, which she made in her image, stays with me to this day: full of posters and art and humor and precious objects and everything else — a message to all who entered that your life could be something other than what you'd pictured.

She now begins a journey where I hope she begins to find out, person by person, what massive rippling effect she has had on the world, and will for generations.

Farewell, Mrs Boland. Thank you.

Barry Brake - April 26, 2020 at 03:33 PM

EF

“ My husband, Joe, and I both enjoyed knowing Ona more than we could convey here. She brought joy to all who knew her. We will miss her in many ways, but will always cherish memories of her. Our sympathy is with her daughters, grandson, son in law, and other family members.

Joe and Esther Flowers

Esther Flowers - April 25, 2020 at 06:32 PM

GD

“ My husband and I both worked with Ona at WC. Both my children had her as a teacher. We loved and admired her greatly. She was a true teacher that loved her students. May God be with you all as you celebrate her wonderful life.

Gail DeGrove

gail degrove - April 23, 2020 at 05:13 PM

KW

“ My dear Aunt Ona Fae...to all of the kind words, incredible stories of our family that you have shared and all of the loiving memories...rest in peace Aunt Ona

Kirk and Arelis Williamson - April 23, 2020 at 03:21 PM

NA

“ I worked with Ona at Churchill High School for 13 years. What a lovely human! Always upbeat and quick with a smile and an encouraging word. Ona will be missed by many who had the good fortune to know her.

Nancy - April 23, 2020 at 02:24 PM

LD

“ *Linnea Stiner Dunn lit a candle in memory of Ona Fae Boland*



Linnea Stiner Dunn - April 22, 2020 at 04:10 PM

VM

“ *Virginia McCaleb lit a candle in memory of Ona Fae Boland*



Virginia McCaleb - April 22, 2020 at 09:51 AM

CA

“ *Kanin,*

May God give us the strength to honor our mothers everyday. I will keep you and your family in my daily prayers.

Concepcion Arenas

Concepcion Arenas - April 21, 2020 at 03:50 PM

CA

“ *Concepcion Arenas purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Ona Fae Boland.*



Concepcion Arenas - April 21, 2020 at 03:34 PM

SW

“ Ona was a leading member of a Sunday School class that I attended. I was very new to my faith and she strengthened it by explaining passages of the Bible. She showed me great love of God and I am going to miss her greatly.

Sharon Winfield - April 20, 2020 at 02:34 PM

SW

“ Ona was such a sweet, beautiful soul. She loved her family so much, and I'm lucky to have known her. She will be so missed.

Sarah Walker - April 20, 2020 at 11:53 AM

ML

“ Kanin,

My family is saddened to hear about your mothers passing. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

*With love,
Melissa*

Melissa Ling - April 19, 2020 at 06:31 PM

CB

“ Bob and I were so sad to hear of the passing of your Mother. We have fond memories of your folks. Remember wonderful conversations about their travels and their joy of teaching which takes special people to commit to such an important task of educating our children. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Jessica always loved going over to your house to play and visit your parents. Sincere condolences. Bob and Christie Beermann

christie beermann - April 19, 2020 at 06:10 PM



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Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - April 19, 2020 at 05:33 PM

AM

I was privileged to have Mrs. Boland as my sociology teacher at Churchill HS. She was a passionate educator who made learning interesting and fun. May she Rest In Peace!

Ana C. Martinez - April 30, 2020 at 11:07 AM