



## Kathleen Huffman Porter

March 1, 1929 - August 24, 2018

Kathleen "Kay" Huffman Porter - Passed in peace on August 24, 2018 at her home on a hill outside of Rochelle, TX. Living an active life for 89 years in rural Texas, she enjoyed travel, meeting people and spending time with family and friends.

Born in Mullin, TX on March 1, 1929 to Grace and Julius "Judy" Lockridge. Kay attended what is now Abilene Christian University where she graduated in 3 years with a teaching degree. She then moved to Brady, TX to pursue her career as a teacher, when she met James "Jimmy" Huffman. They married on July 23, 1950. She and Jimmy had a loving relationship and were blessed with two children, Elise and Jamie. While Kay continued teaching in Rochelle and Brady she also helped Jimmy turn his department store, "Huffman's" into Brady's trendy shopping location. They ran the store together and eventually relocated and transitioned it into "Circle H Western Wear" just in time to catch the popular rise of western culture that began with the movie "Urban Cowboy."

In 1984, after Jimmy's premature death, Kay made a transition in her life. She retired from her job of teaching after 30 years and moved to Fort Worth, TX to pursue a post-graduate degree in Interior Design from TCU. After returning to Brady with her new degree and career, while designing a home, she met her second husband, M. Wayne Porter, of Menard.

Kay and Wayne married in 1990, and lived a life together full of fun, travel, culture, and sharing their love of ranching and the land with their granddaughters Kathleen, Amber, Grace and Virginia. In 2001, Kay was once again windowed after Wayne's sudden death. She spent the next 17 years at her beloved Windmill Hill Ranch where she observed the natural beauty of the Texas hill country, entertained, and discussed recent or future rainfall.

Kay will be missed deeply by her family and friends. She possessed a can-do personality and positive attitude about life that can never be duplicated.

She is preceded in death by husbands Jimmy Huffman and Wayne Porter, her parents, brothers Preston and Bill and a daughter-in-law Hope Huffman.

She is survived by her daughter, Elise Huffman Ross and son-in-law, Amos Ross of Fort Worth; son, James "Jamie" Huffman and daughter-in-law, Malinda Huffman of San Angelo; granddaughter Dr. Kathleen Ross Cammack and husband, Dr. Alex Cammack of Fort Worth; granddaughter Amber Ross Halbur and husband, Zach Halbur of Dallas, granddaughter Grace Huffman of Dallas; granddaughter Virginia Huffman of Fort Worth, and three great-grandchildren, Porter Cammack, Parker Cammack, and Matthew Halbur.

She also leaves behind Teresa Helmick, who was a friend and caregiver to Kay for over 15 years. The family would also like to thank Elida Moreno and Norma Gutierrez for their care of Kay through her final years.

A memorial service will take place on Friday, August 31, 2018 at 11:00 am at First Christian Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to a favorite charity.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *We're very sorry to hear of your loss. Our sincerest condolences and prayers are with you.*

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**Jim & Rhonda Hollerbach** - August 30, 2018 at 11:52 PM

RJ

“ *Dear Elise and Jamie*

*So sorry to hear about your loss, the last time I saw her was in Walmart sometime in the last year. I will always have fond memories of her as a wonderful person and a true friend.*

*Best always,  
Rodney*

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**Rodney Jackson** - August 29, 2018 at 07:18 PM