

DR. JOAN MCKEEN MATTHEWS



Dr. Joan McKeen Matthews passed away peacefully in San Marcos, TX, on February 24, 2025, at the age of 85. She was born in East Orange, NJ, on September 10, 1939, and was the first daughter of William Arnold and Leona Brammall McKeen. Joan was preceded in death by her parents, William and Leona McKeen; sister, Deborah Southworth McKeen; and the father of her children, Russell L. Curtis Jr. She is survived by

her children, Matthew A. Curtis, Mark A. Curtis (Sondra Primeaux), and Cristina Curtis (James) Barbe; and their families, including nine grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Joan was dearly loved by her family and had exceptional grace and beauty. She was known for her keen sense of humor, infectious laughter and deep appreciation for literature, classical music, modern dance, and theatre. With a love for gardening, she took pride in her home, where she graciously hosted memorable family gatherings, parties, and community events.

She earned her Doctor of Philosophy (1980) from the University of Texas in Austin, TX, and dedicated her professional life to the practice of psychology. She was a longtime instructor and assistant professor at Texas State University, San Marcos, TX (1978-1997), and maintained a private practice (1996), until her retirement at age 80. Her prior education included a BA in Psychology from Lake Erie College, Painesville, OH (1961), initial graduate studies at Kent State, Kent, OH, and graduation from Mt. Lebanon High School, Pittsburgh, PA (1957).

Services will be held at 11:00 a.m., on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in San Marcos, TX. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of **PENNINGTON FUNERAL HOME**, and she will be buried at Kensico Cemetery in Valhalla, NY. Special thanks and gratitude to her exceptional caregivers who showed kindness, compassion, and grace.

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