



## Dr. Eleanor Ann Dyer

May 5, 1941 - April 18, 2016

Dr. Eleanor Ann Dyer was born May 5, 1941 in Temple, Texas, the oldest of J.C. and Viola (Greener) Dyer. She was born an educator. She graduated from Rockdale High School in 1959. She went to Sam Houston Teacher College in Huntsville. Not only did she receive her Bachelors of Arts degree in 1963 she also grew in experiences that she loved sharing regarding dorm life, working at the college cafeteria and the three-legged campus mascot, Tripod. She later returned to Sam Houston to receive her Master's degree in education in 1972. The pinnacle of her educational journey was receiving her doctorate of education degree from Texas A&M in College Station. Her dissertation for her doctorate was based on the life of author George Sessions Perry of Rockdale. She also attended Prairie View A&M, University of Houston and University of Texas at Austin.

She taught English, reading and science in the Victoria Consolidated Independent School District for 15 years. During her tenure in Victoria, she served as science department chairman of Crain Intermediate School and Howell Intermediate School. She accepted a position as the Science Curriculum Coordinator for Amarillo ISD, and with small schools in the Panhandle, Channing, Happy, Hartley, Lakeview, Texline, Valley School, Wellington and Fritch, to be accredited by TEA. She later went to Lamar CISD where she was the elementary science coordinator, social studies coordinator, K-12 science coordinator, held Summer Science Safaris for elementary

teachers, served as assistant principal. She served as vice principal at Austin Elementary in Richmond, pioneered a space shuttle program where this gave students a “hands on” shuttle mission from blast off to splash down. She started the SET Club (Science, Engineering and Technology), Writing Wonders, Rising Star Writing Program and student bank. She retired from public education on June 14, 2001 but she didn't stop teaching. She taught literature at Temple Jr. College in Cameron.

Her associations include; Rockdale Garden Club, Delta Kappa Gamma educational sorority and the MARC center of Milam County, where she had served as Board Secretary and wrote a number of grants for the Pierson Foundation. She served as the Milam County Representative for Planning and Network Advisory Council of Central Counties Services (formerly Central Counties MHMR). MARC was one of her passions. She had other passions, one was writing. She authored and had published many magazine articles and short stories. She wanted to have a book of her short stories published. She loved history and science and being called on to assist writing or proofing an English assignment for her nieces and nephews. She loved reading books and being read to by her great nieces; writing letters to her numerous pen pals across the country or penning memories to her great nieces and nephews. She loved making crafts for the family Christmas, playing word finds, the Gulf Coast where she loved to vacation and eat shrimp gumbo, volunteering at her church by playing the guitar, serving as a Eucharistic minister and adding her beautiful voice to the choir. She taught the less fortunate to sew and play baseball like a winner. She loved cooking soups and biscuit pot pies and loved sharing hazelnut flavored coffee with her house guests. She loved dachshunds, watching birds and stepping in as “surrogate” grandmother for her nieces and nephews who she thrilled with very special attention and unconditional love.

Everyone that knew her knew her life mattered and that she was loved. She

was positive, encouraging, supportive, genuine, passionate, caring and gifted. She will be greatly missed by those who loved her. She passed away Monday morning, April 18, 2016 in the St. Joseph Hospital in Bryan. She was preceded in death by her parents, J.C. and Viola Dyer and her brother-in-law, N.C. "Sam" Helphenstine.

She is survived by her sisters, Joanie High of College Station, Cheryl Helphenstine of Rockdale; brother, Glen Dyer of Wharton; sisters, Kay Fisher and husband John of Rockdale, Donna Urban and husband Bobby of Pearland and brother, Darrell Dyer and wife Sherry of Rockdale; nieces and nephews, Ann-Marie High, Jennifer High Cain and husband Alton, Jason E. High, Gregory Helphenstine, Christine Dyer Crider and husband Bryan, Bridget Dyer Lawrence and husband Logan, Jeffrey Lane Fisher and wife Rebecca, John Kelly Fisher and wife Michelle, James C. Urban and wife Susan, Holly E. Urban Treece and husband David, Natalie Urban Billot and husband Chris, Tannessa Strelsky and husband Greg, Richard Lange; great nieces and nephews, Colton Cain, Nicco High, Mattie Jane Fisher, Jack Fisher, Luke Fisher, Molly Grace Fisher, Sarah Treece, Claire Treece, Hayden Urban, Kacie Urban, Thomas Billot, John Billot, Allyson Lawrence, Olivia Lawrence, Bryan Crider, Abigail Crider, Paxton Crider, Allison Davis, Megan Lange, K'Lynn Lange, John Mulac, Seth Mulac and Andrew Mulac.

Mass will be recited 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 22, 2016 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rockdale with burial to follow in the Oak Lawn Cemetery in Rockdale. Monsignor Elmer Holtman, Father Ramon Frayna and Deacon Gus Coelho officiating. Visitation is Thursday, April 21, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with Rosary at 7:00 p.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale.

Serving as Pallbearers are; Gregory Helphenstine, Bryan Crider, Logan Lawrence, Jeffrey Lane Fisher, John Kelly Fisher, James C. Urban, David

Treece, Chris Billot. Honorary Pallbearers are; Jason E. High, Alton Cain,  
Greg Strelsky, Richard Lange

Memorials may be made in her name to MARC, 1705 Pecos Ave., Rockdale,  
Texas 76567.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Lawn Cemetery

250 S. Pear Street  
Rockdale, TX 76567

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 21. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale  
1041 West Highway 79  
Rockdale, TX 76567  
(512) 446-5454  
phillips\_luckey@yahoo.com  
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

## Rosary

APR 21. 7:00 PM (CT)

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1041 West Highway 79  
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## Mass of Christian Burial

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APR **22**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
234 San Gabriel St.  
Rockdale, TX 76567

# Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Eleanor Ann Dyer*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - April 21, 2016 at 11:22 AM

KB

“ *I'm sorry to hear about Ann's passing. When I was young, Ann lived in an apartment my parents owned in Victoria. She was always doing things for me and my brothers and sisters. I still have a Christmas stocking that she made each of us one year. When she moved out of the apartment but still lived in Victoria, around Christmas she would invite me to go to dinner, take me Christmas shopping for my parents, brothers and sisters, and then let me wrap the gifts at her house. It was always a lot of fun and she was always fun to be around. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.*

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**Karen Bomersbach** - April 29, 2016 at 11:03 PM

  
Brittany  
LaPeyre

“ *I'm so sad to hear about Ann's passing, she was a wonderful person and she genuinely cared about others. My thoughts are with you all, she will be dearly missed.  
"Love endures all, even loss."*

*Brittany LaPeyre*

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**Brittany LaPeyre** - April 21, 2016 at 10:10 PM

LN

“ Please accept my condolences for the loss of Ann. I didn't know her as well as some of her siblings, but felt I knew her, however. I am so impressed with all of her accomplishments. She was quite a lady and a wonderful mentor to so many. I know you will miss her terribly. May our gracious Lord and Savior wrap his loving arms around you and comfort you in your grief. Blessings to you all.

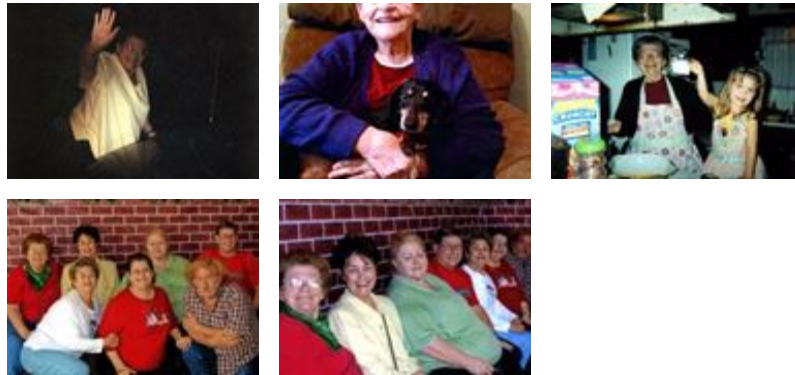
*Lois Braun Noak  
3627 Noak Road  
Round Top, TX 78954*

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**Lois Braun Noak** - April 21, 2016 at 12:17 PM



“ 60 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - April 21, 2016 at 10:10 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Dr. Eleanor Ann Dyer*.



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April 20, 2016 at 11:20 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Eleanor Ann Dyer.*



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April 20, 2016 at 08:55 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dr. Eleanor Ann Dyer.*



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April 20, 2016 at 02:35 PM



“ *The family of Dorothy Martin purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dr. Eleanor Ann Dyer.*



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**The family of Dorothy Martin - April 20, 2016 at 11:29 AM**

JM

“ I am sorry for the loss of Ann. She was a kind soul. My mother also loved her very much. I have childhood memories of Ann visiting, having coffee with my mom, when she lived in Victoria, on a pretty regular basis. I am sorry that in later years we lost contact. Family was extremely important to my mother, and she loved her cousins, uncles and aunts. I know Mom and Ann have reunited now. When my mom was dying, she had been unresponsive for a couple of days. About one hour before she passed, she opened her eyes, had a look of surprise on her face, then the biggest smile emerged. She did this several times in her final hour. To me, it seemed as if she was being greeted by loved ones who had already passed, to help her transition into Heaven. Sending lots of love from the family of Dorothy Martin. Prayers to help you through this sad time.

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**Joyce Martin** - April 20, 2016 at 09:36 AM

CC

“ My Aunt Ann was an amazing aunt, teacher and friend. Always there for all who needed help or someone to listen. I will miss her dearly and always hold her memory in my heart.



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**Christine Crider** - April 19, 2016 at 01:30 PM