



## Janet Richards Rader

August 24, 1946 - April 9, 2014

Janet Richards Rader, beloved member of St. James Episcopal Church in Taylor, Texas, died peacefully at her home in Round Rock on Wednesday, April 9, 2014. Jan was born to R.C. "Red" Richards and Louise (Beaumont) Richards in Lake Jackson, Texas on August 24, 1946. She graduated from The University of Texas in Austin in 1968 with a BA in Psychology and a BS in Physics. Jan was pre-deceased by her cherished husband, J.D. Rader and her parents and in-laws. Jan is survived by son, Floyd and Suzette Brockenbush and their daughters, Ashley and Kimberly. Jan and J.D. spent many years hiking and backpacking in the Southwest and Pacific Northwest as well as Canada and Alaska, often traversing mountain and desert trails rarely seen by others. After thirty years of public service in Texas state government at the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Texas State Senate and the Texas General Land Office/Veterans Land Board, Jan retired in 2011. The majority of those years were spent serving Texas Veterans at the Veterans Land Board where she was Director of Marketing and Communications. Jan always said there could never be a bad day at the office if she helped a Veteran. Jan was twice nominated as an Outstanding Woman in State Government and recognized in 1990 and 1991 by the University YWCA for outstanding leadership in state government. In 1995, the Texas Legislature named her a "Yellow Rose of Texas" for outstanding public service to Texas Veterans. Jan was a life-long "Yellow Dog Democrat" and in later years, claimed to be one of only three surviving Democrats in Williamson

County. She was honored and gratified to have worked for U.S. Senator Ralph W. Yarborough and was a member of the steering committee of state government leaders, including Governor Ann Richards, Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby and Land Commissioner Garry Mauro to establish and fund the Ralph W. Yarborough Presidential Fellowship at the University Of Texas School Of Law. Jan served for eleven years as Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 154 of the Boy Scouts of America and was called by her fellow scouts and scoutmasters to membership in the Order of the Arrow where she attained Brotherhood rank. She taught merit badges and wilderness survival skills. As a long-time member of St. James Episcopal Church in Taylor, Jan served many terms as a vestry member and Bishop's Warden. In 2013, she established the Janet and J.D. Rader Memorial Fund to help continue the faithful presence of this historic church. Please join the family for lunch on Saturday, April 12, at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall at St. James Episcopal Church, 7th and Davis Streets, Taylor, Texas. The Rite I Order for the Burial of the Dead will be held at 2:00 p.m. at St. James following lunch. The service will be followed by interment at the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Rockdale, Texas. Pallbearers are; Paul Spock, Wayne Voigt, Don Quick, Larry Quick, Floyd Brockenbush, Jr., and Tad Whited. Honorary pallbearers, Jim Critchfield, Osvaldo Osio and Richard Armor. In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials to the Janet and J.D. Rader Memorial Fund at St. James Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 268, Taylor, Texas 76574-0268.

# Tribute Wall

- MB** “ *I sure do miss you! I think of you often. Monica* ”  
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**Monica Brown** - February 08, 2019 at 02:47 PM
- PB** “ *Janet Richards Rader* ”  
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**Paul Brockenbush** - April 12, 2014 at 12:48 PM
- CM** “ *Janet Richards Rader* ”  
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**CARLOS MARTINEZ** - April 12, 2014 at 10:11 AM
- JM** “ *Janet Richards Rader* ”  
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**Jennifer Mattingly** - April 11, 2014 at 01:23 PM
- KW** “ *Janet Richards Rader* ”  
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**Ken Wallingford** - April 10, 2014 at 12:59 PM
- KA** “ *Janet Richards Rader* ”  
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**Kay & Richard Archer** - April 09, 2014 at 03:53 PM
- SB** “ *Janet Richards Rader* ”  
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**Sue Bump** - April 09, 2014 at 03:46 PM