



*Dr. Sallye Jeannette Sheppard*  
*December 7, 1942 - November 21, 2017*

Celebrating the Life of  
*Dr. Sallye Jeannette Sheppard*  
Saturday, November 25, 2017 2:00 p.m.  
Broussard's Chapel  
Beaumont, Texas



Gathering Prayer

*“Be Thou My Vision”*

Prayer of Openness to Spirit

Selected Readings and Scripture

“Scholars at Graveside, 1968”  
by R.S. Gwynn, read by the poet

Scripture - Proverbs 8:1-19

“When Great Trees Fall”  
by Maya Angelou, read by Joy Brown

Scripture - Matthew 13:44-45

“The Gardener LXI: Peace, My Heart”  
by Rabindranath Tagore read by Reverend Meredith Brown

Words of Memory and Grace  
Reverend Curtis Brown

*“On Eagle’s Wings”*

Prayers of Commendation and Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

Blessing and Benediction

Sharing Signs of Peace and Love





*Dr. Sallye Jeannette Sheppard* of Beaumont died on Tuesday, November 21, 2017. She was born on December 7, 1942 in Galveston to Mattie Lucille Click and Gabe Sheppard.

Dr. Sheppard retired in 2008 from Lamar University after twenty-eight years as Professor of English and eleven years as Chair of the Department of English and Modern Languages. She held a Bachelor of Arts in Religion and History and Master of Arts in American Literature from Texas Christian University, a Masters in Religious

Education in Theology from Brite Divinity School, a Doctor of Philosophy in British Literature and Rhetoric from Texas Woman's University, and a Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy in Mythological Studies from Pacifica Graduate Institute. Dr. Sheppard was a pioneering scholar, dedicated teacher, generous mentor, and significant contributor to the fields of renaissance literature and mythological studies. She was an author, editor, and contributor to dozens of scholarly articles, reviews, books, and papers, including recent articles on Euripides' Medea, Penelope in The Odyssey, Gabriel Garcia Marquez, and the comic book heroine Black Orchid. Dr. Sheppard was especially proud of her work in 1998 in developing the core curriculum for Dar al-Hekma College, the first private women's college in Saudi Arabia. She was also a founding director of Beaumont's "I Have a Dream" program, which has matched hundreds of students with adult mentors committed to helping them successfully graduate from high school. In addition to her many academic awards, grants and professional associations, she was a member of the Theta Phi National Honor Society in Theology and Sigma Tau Delta National Honor Society in English. Dr. Sheppard was also an active member and officer of the Beaumont Interfaith Choral Society.

Dr. Sheppard is survived by her spouse of thirty-six years, Judy Dian Brunton; her nephew, Philip Arlen Manning, Jr. of Austin; her niece, Rev. Meredith Manning Brown and her husband Rev. Curtis Brown, and great-nieces Joy Brown and Charis Brown, all of Lacey, Washington; her brother-in-law, Jim Brunton and his wife Kathy Brunton of Amarillo, and nieces Jennifer Brunton Cox of Houston and Jillian Brunton of Amarillo; her brother-in-law Joey Brunton and his wife Tonya Brunton of Amarillo; her nephew Jace Swihart of Killeen, her three cats, Tika, Lillie, and Zora, all of Beaumont; and numerous additional family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Nancy Lou Sheppard Manning Atkinson; and her great-nephew Gabriel Manning Brown.

Dr. Sheppard spent the last five years surrounded by family and friends confronting cancer with grace and patience. She and Judy give thanks for the assistance and care provided by so many generous people, especially her friends, Linda Hargraves, Mary Locke Crofts, Donna Hall and Renee Field, her neighbors in Beaumont, friends from Pacifica Graduate Institute, colleagues at Lamar University, and Harbor Hospice.





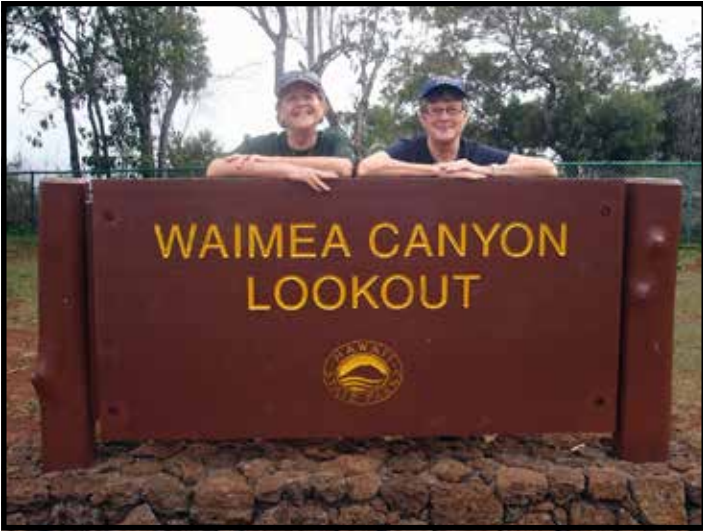












**Graveside Service**  
Sunday, November 26, 2017 2:00 p.m.  
Forest Lawn Memorial Park  
4955 Pine Street  
Beaumont, Texas



Please sign Dr. Sheppard's guest book and share your memories at  
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