

Margaret Swickheimer Phelps June 25, 1930 – October 10, 2023



Margaret Swickheimer Phelps, 93, of Victoria, Texas passed away Tuesday, October 10, 2023. She was born on June 25, 1930, in Beaumont, Texas, the daughter of Walter David and Ophelia Cartwright Burrus Swickheimer. Margaret grew up in Beaumont where she lived for thirty-four years. A graduate of Beaumont High School, she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from University of Texas and a Master of Education from Texas Tech University. She married her childhood playmate, Richard Russell Phelps on

September 7, 1957, and they enjoyed fifty-one years of marriage.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and her sister, Sara Mays.

Margaret is survived by her two daughters, Linda Phelps; and Laura Archer and her husband, Doug; three grandchildren, Katherine, Christina and Will; nephews, Tom Mays and James Phelps; and nieces, Robin Rackley and Mary Ellen Glanz.

Margaret was very active in her community. She was a member of the Decora Study Club, Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughter of the Republic of Texas, Colonial Dames, Azalea Garden Club, Alpha Delta Pi sorority, and a devoted member of First Methodist Church of Victoria.

The family extends special thanks to Dr. Larry Riedel and to her longtime caregiver Yvonne Neighbors.











Isaiah 41:10

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."



























John 14:3

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also."













Graveside Service
Friday, October 13, 2023 1:00 p.m.
Forest Lawn Memorial Park
4955 Pine Street
Beaumont, Texas
Reverend Ruby Nelson

Honorary Pallbearers William Douglas Archer William Douglas Archer, Jr. Thomas C. Mays Orlando Zayas

Memorial Contributions First United Methodist Church 407 North Bridge Street Victoria, Texas 77901

