

## Joyce Marie O'Rear

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Joyce Marie O'Rear, Ed.D., 72, of Fredericksburg, TX died Thursday, Sept. 12, 2013 at her home.

A celebration of her life will be held at the Heritage Hill Country club house on Saturday, Oct. 19th at 4:00 p.m. Heritage Hill Country is located on the south side of Hwy 290 East just past historical Fort Martin Scott.

She was born to the late Harlan and Esther O'Rear, March 17, 1941 in Clovis, NM. She graduated from Amarillo High School in Amarillo, TX. She received degrees from West Texas State University, University of Northern Colorado, and East Texas State University. She married Tom Cole in March of 1986. Other survivors include her brother Curtis O'Rear and wife Suzy of Paducah, KY and brother Gene O'Rear and wife Becki of Bartlesville, OK. and her former ward, Laura O'Rear Crummack of Malta, NY. Additional survivors include nephews John O'Rear of Dallas, TX and Charlie O'Rear of Paducah, KY and nieces Sammi Johnson of Jenks, OK and Jacke Potter of Bartlesville, OK. She will also be missed by numerous step siblings including Beth Risley of Amarillo and great nieces and great nephews.

Dr. O'Rear retired from Texas Tech University Medical School in Amarillo in 2001 where she had taught medical students and practiced psychotherapy since the mid-eighties. She previously taught elementary school in Sacramento, CA. She was a counselor for the Opportunity Plan at West Texas State University. At



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McLennan Community College in Waco, Dr. O'Rear was initially a student counselor and then served as Dean of Student Life. She was a student counselor at Texas A&M University before returning to Amarillo to work as a psychotherapist at the Psychiatric Pavilion. After retiring, Dr. O'Rear and her husband moved to Fredericksburg where she enjoyed many outdoor activities such as hiking, walking, and cycling. She devoted much of her time in retirement to volunteer activities. She served as a case worker, board member, and President of the Board at the Needs Council. She also did volunteer work for SPCA and the Fredericksburg Historical Society and was President of the Fredericksburg Volkssport club.

In lieu of flowers the family wishes that memorials be given in her memory to the Tom Cole and Joyce O'Rear Scholarship Fund, Amarillo College Foundation, P.O. Box 447, Amarillo, Texas 79105-9973 or to the charity of your choice.