



## Dorothy McMillan Thompson

September 30, 1934 - December 27, 2020

Dorothy (McMillan/Slagle) Thompson, 86, died peacefully on Sunday, December 27th in Austin, Texas. Her children were blessed to be able to say goodbye to her in person before she left. She and her feisty spirit and great humor will be missed by many.

Dorothy Lee McMillan was born in San Antonio, Texas to Helen Augusta (Haack) and Howard Pryor McMillan, Jr on September 30, 1934. She grew up in San Antonio, Texas, graduating from Brackenridge High School in 1952. Dorothy's maternal grandfather was the head Brewmeister at Pearl Brewery in San Antonio after moving his family from Germany in the early 1900s. She also had a great-great paternal grandfather who fought with General Sam Houston in the Battle of San Jacinto.

Like many in her family, she retired from Southwestern Bell Telephone company after many years of service.

She was a long time member of Coker United Methodist Church in San Antonio where she helped start their first early service, taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, led a popular aerobics exercise class for decades, and helped lead the introduction of Godly Play for the children's Sunday School. In her later years, she was a member of the University United Methodist Church in Austin where she also introduced the use of Godly Play

which led to a growing children's program. She made frequent trips to feed and clothe the homeless with Austin's Mobile Loaves and Fishes ministry.

Dorothy was an avid University of Texas Longhorns fan and attended many football and baseball games, holding season tickets from the 1970s until her passing. She was especially fond of baseball, a game in which her father who played at the University of Texas in the 1920s taught her to keep score. She could be found at most Texas baseball games sitting next to her sister keeping score in her scorebook.

Dorothy is preceded in her death by her parents and her brother, Howard P. McMillan, III. (Mac). She is survived by her three children, James Slagle, Jr. (wife Juanita), Robert "Pat" Slagle (wife Rachel) and Diana Rader (husband Johnny); 8 grandchildren, Erin Zimney, Hannah Stevens, Colin Slagle, Matthew Slagle, Chris Rader, David Rader, Allison Rader and Michael Rader; 10 great grandchildren Aidan Zimney, Harper Stevens, Judah Slagle, Arlis Slagle, Lilah Slagle and Aylah Slagle, Charlie Rader, Nora Rader, Warren Rader and Betty Rader.

The family would like to thank and recognize the staff and doctors of Arden Courts Memory Care Community of Austin and the Aspen Hospice personnel who cared for Mom during her final days here on earth. Memorials may be made in Dorothy's name to the Godly Play Foundation (<https://www.godlyplayfoundation.org>) and/or to the Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association (<https://www.alz.org/texascapital> ). Due to COVID restrictions, a memorial service will be held at a later date. Please remember the life of Dorothy in your thoughts and prayers.

# Tribute Wall



“ Dorothy McMillan Thompson

October 05, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ Dorothy McMillan Thompson

October 04, 2023 at 06:25 PM



“ Dorothy McMillan Thompson

September 26, 2023 at 10:57 PM



“ I am Dorothy's first couse from Michigan. A number of years ago Dorothy and her sister Rosemary took the train "north" to Chicago where I met them. We spent four days in Chicago. Their choices for "sites" were Comiskey Park (which unfortunately no longer existed), Wrigley Field, and China Town. We did all those plus a few others. We then drove to Detroit (where I live) and did some "sight-seeing" here. It was a wonderful visit and I will always be grateful I had that chance to reconnect with some wonderful cousins.

*Sr. Anneliese Sinnott, O.P. (Cela)*

Anneliese Sinnott - January 29, 2021 at 09:52 AM