

## Clark, Ida Louise



Ida Louise Knoll Clark passed on Friday, February 2, 2018, at the age of 86.

Born February 26, 1931 in Shamrock Texas, Ida Louise was a graduate of Samnorwood High School. She received a Bachelor of Science degree and a Certification of Special Education from West Texas State University in Canyon Texas.

Ida Louise began her career in Wellington Texas by teaching elementary school children. After moving to Amarillo Texas, she taught special needs children at Sanborn Elementary School for 23 years. During her career, she trained 30 student teachers and taught hundreds of children.

In addition to teaching, Ida Louise was active in the organization for women educators, Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Through the years, she served in numerous positions for her local chapter and co-chaired the state conference twice.

After retiring from teaching, Ida Louise along with her husband Bill H. Clark, became volunteer fire fighters for several years. In 2006, Ida Louise moved to Dallas Texas to be closer to her immediate family.

Ida Louise enjoyed gardening, traveling, knitting, sewing, needlepoint, and reading. She was a member of several organizations: The Dallas Symphony Orchestra League, Friends of the Dallas Library, The Book and Pen Club, the Body Mind Spirit Connection, Pi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society Intentional, and Preston Highlands Baptist Church.

She is survived by her daughter Sharon Louise Clark Ballew and son in law Maurice Carl Ballew. Grandchildren include Lauren Louise Ballew and Johnathan Beck Ballew. In addition there are many extended family members. Preceding Ida Louise are her parents Grace Tanner Knoll and Alfred Frank Knoll, her husband of 53 years Bill H. Clark, and their son James (Al) Alfred Clark.

A Memorial Service will be held Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m. at The Point, on the campus of C. C. Young, 4847 W. Lawther in Dallas.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your favorite charity or to the C. C. Young Employee Bonus Fund, 4847 W. Lawther, Suite 100, Dallas, TX 75214.