



## Martha Paul Bennett

October 22, 1933 - April 25, 2016

Memorial services for Martha Paul Rogers Bennett, 82, of Henderson, will be held at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 11 AM with the Reverend Patsy Barham officiating. The family will receive friends after the service.

Mrs. Bennett was born on October 22, 1933 to Paul and Mary Craig Rogers. She graduated from Henderson High School in 1951 and from Baylor University in 1957 with a Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees.

She was predeceased by her mother, father, sister, Mary Evelyn Sheppard, and her husband, Leon R. Bennett.

Martha Paul taught music and special education for many years before returning to Henderson in 1978. She was a promoter of the arts in East Texas, serving as president of AAUW and Friends of Music of Kilgore College. She served on the board of the Shakespeare Festival Foundation and was given the Austin Lyric Opera Encore Award after serving on that board and teaching Opera Literature for the University of Texas stage program. She was a member of the Henderson Book Club and served as president of Friends of the Rusk County Library. After her teaching career, she restored homes in and around Henderson and built six passive solar garden homes.

She is survived by son Paul and his wife, Martha, grandsons Daniel and Andrew, and daughter Ellen and granddaughter Bethany.

Memorial contributions may be made to Friends of the Rusk County Library, 106 E. Main St., Henderson, Texas 75652.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Matthews Episcopal Church  
214 College Ave  
Henderson, TX 75654

# Tribute Wall

  
Charles  
Livsey

“ *I consider myself priveledged to have met Mrs. Bennett. I enjoyed our talks about the weather, education, the arts, and whatever plants were being speculated as additions to her collection.*

Charles Livsey - May 03, 2016 at 09:56 PM

  
Sachi  
Kato

“ *Sachi Kato sent a virtual gift in memory of Martha Paul Bennett*



Sachi Kato - April 29, 2016 at 10:07 PM

  
Sachi  
Kato

*Martha Paul was an inspiring lady who had passion to learn all her life and shared lots of insights. She was a young spirited person, absolutely I had a great time together. Thank you, Martha Paul. I love you.*

Sachi Kato - April 29, 2016 at 10:12 PM

CM

“ *She helped make my move and my mother's move to this part of the country/state a more pleasant and welcoming place for us. She extended a hand of friendship when we really needed it. I'm glad our life paths crossed. I wish her family love and peace and the knowledge that their mom made a difference. Claudia Morgan-Gray*



Claudia Morgan-Gray - April 29, 2016 at 02:06 PM

KP

“ I met her years ago. Instantly I knew she was someone I would love getting to know. Always a pleasure to see her. I know she will be missed by many.



Karen Price - April 28, 2016 at 11:11 AM

JN

“ We were so fortunate to have had the past two years with Martha Paul. She welcomed us with open arms to Henderson and made our lives so much richer for having known her. She will be missed.

Jon & James Nicholson - April 27, 2016 at 01:16 PM

MM

“ Melissa Morton lit a candle in memory of Martha Paul Bennett



Melissa Morton - April 27, 2016 at 10:15 AM

BJ

“ Betty Johnson lit a candle in memory of Martha Paul Bennett



Betty Johnson - April 27, 2016 at 08:03 AM

NG

“ *Nancy Gibson lit a candle in memory of Martha Paul Bennett*



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**Nancy Gibson** - April 26, 2016 at 07:49 PM

BY

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Barbara Bennett Yamaguchi** - April 26, 2016 at 07:45 PM

ML

“ *Mary Lowe lit a candle in memory of Martha Paul Bennett*



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**mary lowe** - April 26, 2016 at 07:09 PM

PP

“ *She was an extraordinary musician....I will miss her Pud Patterson*

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**pud patterson** - April 26, 2016 at 06:51 PM

PP

“ Pud Patterson lit a candle in memory of Martha Paul Bennett



pud patterson - April 26, 2016 at 06:49 PM

Roberta Vallantyne

“ Thank you Martha Paul for your commitment to education, music and the arts. I'm thankful for your friendship. I gained a greater appreciation for the arts for you.

Roberta Vallantyne - April 26, 2016 at 06:36 PM

AM

“ Annetta Box Magee lit a candle in memory of Martha Paul Bennett



Annetta Box Magee - April 26, 2016 at 05:45 PM

AM

A really True Friend, God Bless Her.

Annetta Box Magee - April 26, 2016 at 05:48 PM

KP

“ Kathy Porter lit a candle in memory of Martha Paul Bennett



Kathy Porter - April 26, 2016 at 03:43 PM



*Well done, Martha Paul.*

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**Kathy Porter** - April 26, 2016 at 03:44 PM