



Dorothy Park

1935-2020

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Dorothy Ann Durham Park passed from this life Oct. 31, 2020, after her battle with Alzheimer's.

She was born June 5, 1935, in Tahoka to Dr. Kenneth and Eloise Durham. She attended Baylor from 1952-54 and graduated from East Texas State in 1959 and received her master's from Texas Tech in 1972. She married her late husband, Sam Park, Dec. 22, 1967.

Dorothy taught school from 1966 until her retirement in 1994, teaching high school English in Tahoka for one year before moving to Lubbock to teach Office Education at Estacado High School and later, Coronado High School. She was active in the District 17 Business Education Association, serving as secretary, president-elect and president and was named Teacher of the Year for District 17 in 1976. In 1968, she was a charter member of Vocational Office Education Teachers Association of Texas and was again named Teacher of the Year in 1988. Representing Texas at the Region

IV American Vocational Association in New Orleans in 1989, Dorothy was chosen as Business Education Teacher of the Year for Region IV, a six-state area. She had several students compete and win state competitions during her tenure. She was an active member of the Presbyterian Church in Lubbock and then Bridgeport. Traveling, playing bridge, spending time at her lake house, and with her family brought her much joy.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Margaret McMeans, her granddaughter, Lauren Reed, and her husband, Samuel Park.

She is survived by her children; Sharon Barnhart (Joe), Steve Sparks (Dana), Paige Park and Sidney Park; sibling, Ken Durham (Jeannette); grandchildren, Leslie Briles, Tucker and Tate Sparks, Kaleb and Littleton Park; great-grandchildren, Brayden, Annistyn, Addalyn Briles and Leighton Reed.

A memorial service for family will be held at noon Dec. 20, 2020 in Runaway Bay.