



Mary Jack Ingle

September 29, 1934 - March 5, 2015

Mary Jack Edwards Ingle passed away peacefully with family at her side on Thursday afternoon, March 5, 2015 at Ashford Hall Long Term Care in Irving, Texas after her lengthy hospice battle with C.O.P.D. She was 80 years old.

The family invites all to celebrate her special life at a memorial service at 6:30 PM on Thursday, March 26, 2015 at First Christian Church, 104 W. Grauwylor Road in Irving.

Mary Jack was born on September 29, 1934 in Marfa, Texas to the late Jack and Mary Louise (Bennett) Edwards. A gregarious only child, she made friends easily and became popular during school and college. Those early friendships endured throughout her life. Her close friends became her extended family, easily attracted to her sense of humor, loyalty, positive outlook and willingness to help others in need.

For over three decades, Mary Jack taught at Bowie Middle School in Irving educating thousands to use a computer, type and relive Texas History. She took a personal interest in her students, they admired her for her skills and though she was only five feet tall, her reputation for "no nonsense" commanded respect before the start of each school year.

A resident of Irving since 1966, Mary Jack graduated from Marfa High School in 1952. She attended the University of Texas at El Paso, Texas Tech and graduated from Sul Ross in Alpine, Texas in 1956 with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. In 1999, Mary Jack authored *Just Gimme a Zero! Teaching from the Trenches*, an anecdotal book about humorous, humbling yet true teaching experiences that exposed the reality of public schools. A voracious reader, Mary Jack also loved to write poetry (and perform when coaxed) and was always thinking of a new novel or story especially about the plight of a single working mother or teacher.

She was passionate about animals but fervent about her three Yorkshire Terriers; her "Yorkies" gave her great comfort in her later years. Mary Jack felt fortunate to have grown up in the 1950's in the Big Bend area and was very proud of her west Texas roots. Her familiar drawl was one of her many enduring qualities.

Survivors include children Christopher Edwards Ingle of Irving and James Paul Ingle, Jr. and wife Nita of Bullard, Texas; grandchildren Geoffrey Ryan Ingle and Taylor Leigh Ingle of Sarasota, Florida and great grandchildren Jaxon and Austin.

The family would like to thank Esteem Hospice for their commitment and dedication plus Mary Jack's many lifelong friends that provided extraordinary care and support over the years. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to the Doris Day Animal League (ddal.org) or the SPCA of Texas (spca.org.)