



## Tuts Curl

September 3, 1937 - September 8, 2016

Tuts Curl, of McAllen, passed away on September 8, 2016, surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Donna Texas to Dale and Margia Washburn. Tuts graduated Donna High School, and then attended Pan American University for two and a half years, and graduated from North Texas State College with her teaching certificate in 1960. She spent most of her adult life teaching Junior High, sharing her love of Texas history at Denton Jr. High, St. Joseph's School in Edinburg, and B.L. Gray Jr. High in Sharyland. After retiring from teaching, she stayed active with book clubs, Edinburg Senior Service League and Pan American Round Table.

Her husband of 57 years, Don R. Curl, her son Phillip Curl and his wife Cindy of Bryan Texas, her daughter Tricia Osborne and her husband Chris of Georgetown Texas survive her. Tuts also has four grand children, Kristen, Robert, Emalee, and Carter, as well as four great grand children, Keisha, Robyn, Lydia, and Deacon.

Tuts had a life-long love of dogs and horses, having lovingly owned several in her life. She especially loved Morgan horses. One in particular, Locklynn, was a prize that she won in an essay contest from the Morgan Horse Association while she was a young teenager. Tuts trained Locklynn herself to harness and saddle and rode her all around Donna. Even to the movies. In 1958, Tuts sold her best friend Locklynn, to attend North Texas State for a semester.

This is not the end of the Story!

Years later, Don found out that Locklynn was still alive in California. The lady who owned Locklynn offered to give the horse back to Don if he wanted her. Don paid to have Tuts' best friend returned. Tuts and Locklynn were reunited again.

Tuts' love of horses was passed on to both of her kids. Phillip and Tricia both rode Hunter/Jumper's for years and the family travelled statewide for competitions.

Don and Tuts moved back to Edinburg in 1964. In the late 60's, Tuts and a friend established the Candy Stripers at Grand View Hospital in Edinburg. While teaching full time, Tuts also became a member of the Junior Service League, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, Pan American Round Table, and was a Trustee at the Hidalgo County Historical Museum.

In the early 70's, Don and Tuts acquired a female German Shepherd named Flecha. This was the start of their love of German Shepherds. For the next 45 years Flecha's bloodline was active at the Curl home.

Teacher, Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother and friend. Tuts' influence on the people around her and the people she touched will be remembered fondly, and she will be greatly missed.

# Cemetery

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## Valley Memorial Gardens

3605 N Taylor Rd  
Mission, TX, 78501

# Events

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**SEP** **Visitation** 09:00AM - 10:00AM

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Kreidler Funeral Home, Inc.  
314 N 10th St., McAllen, TX, US, 78501

**SEP** **Funeral Service** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ Tuts was my roommate and Big Sister at North Texas. She and Don had me over for wonderful home cooked dinners, too. I was in her lovely wedding, and she was in mine!

A fabulous mind and beautiful spirit...a great Lady. Love, Gena Weatherford

**Gena Weatherford** - June 23, 2018 at 03:16 PM

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“ Jacquelyn Mary (Johnson)McCloskey lit a candle in memory of Tuts Curl



**Jacquelyn Mary (Johnson)McCloskey** - September 15, 2016 at 07:27 PM



“ Kind memories of a loyal, remarkable, good friend, especially in my Donna High School days. She stands out as one of my five best friends....that God brought into my life when I lived in Donna, Texas. May her soul rest in peace eternally. We are grateful for her life: she made a difference

**Jacquelyn Mary (Johnson)McCloskey** - September 15, 2016 at 07:34 PM

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“ Cousin Don, I just today learned of Tuts' passing and am sad that I am not there to attend the service. Some of my earliest memories of our family include Tuts and I will always remember her kindness to me and to my mother especially. Much love and condolences to you and Philip and Tricia and all the in laws and grandkids and great grandkids.



**Becky Curl Burks** - September 12, 2016 at 04:00 PM