



## Emma Hale Burnett

October 21, 1931 - June 24, 2017

Emma Hale Burnett, McAllen, Texas, was born October 21, 1931, in Webbers Falls, Oklahoma, the daughter of the late Leonard Peter, Sr., and Grace Buchanan Hale. A life-long champion of the arts, she served as Executive Director of the Louisiana Division of the Arts, The Arts Assembly of Midland, Texas; Victoria (Texas) Regional Museum Association, and Beaverton (Oregon) Arts Commission. She also served four years as Program Administrator for the Locals Program of the National Endowment for the Arts in Washington, DC.

Emma Burnett was in the first graduating class from the then “new” Odessa High School (OHS) at 13th Street and Golder Avenue, and the first graduating class from Odessa College. After retirement, she returned to college and received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Goddard College in Plainfield, Vermont.

Emma Burnett was married to the late trial lawyer, Warren Burnett, and is survived by their four children: Abner Burnett, McAllen, Texas; Melissa Hale Burnett, Midland, Texas; Paul Burnett, Houston, Texas; and Dakota Kelly Hester, San Antonio, Texas.

A celebration of her life will be held in San Antonio, Texas at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please make memorial donations to the local arts organization of your choice.

# Tribute Wall



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October 08, 2023 at 09:43 PM



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