

Mary Catherine Schooler, 87, left this world peacefully and flew to Jesus in Austin, TX, surrounded by her children and grandchildren on December 3, 2024. Mary was born to Ray and Catherine Koehler in Dalhart, TX on May 5, 1937. As the oldest daughter in a family of 6 siblings, Mary “mothered” well from an early age. Mary graduated from Dalhart High School where she excelled, especially on the Lady Wolves’ basketball court. Mary moved to Amarillo shortly after completing her schooling to work at Southwestern Public Service. She met Maurice Schooler on a blind date and they were married on February 7, 1959.

In addition to raising a family, Mary lived out her passion for serving others in the Amarillo area. Some of her favorite projects included Meals on Wheels, Olivia’s Angels, Amarillo Prayer Breakfast, BSA Hospice, and Downtown Women’s Center. Additionally, as a breast cancer survivor, Mary supported many women through their own breast cancer journeys via the Susan G Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Service to others truly was her way of living out her faith.

Mary enjoyed her life to its fullest and was blessed to be able travel the world with Maurice and dear friends. She walked with lions in Africa, waded the waters of the River Jordan, celebrated Dia de los Muertos in San Miguel, Mexico, and sipped champagne on the rooftops of Rome. In all of her travels, she loved no place more than her beloved Christmas Island in Cuchara, CO. Christmas Island is where Mary basked in the beauty of God’s wonder and love and spent blessed time with her husband, children, and grandchildren, watching her family play and grow. Our memories of these times will bring us joy forever.

Mary is preceded in death by her sweet husband, Maurice. Her family, who will honor her legacy of service, includes her sons, Jim and Tom of Amarillo, daughter, Suzanne Eakes and husband Ron of Plains, KS and her two sisters Joan Graham and Louise Conley of Amarillo. Her grandchildren, Erin, Koehler, Gus, Ashley, and Emi, and great granddaughter Ellie, will always treasure their memories of their sassy, spirited “Mum”.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to any of the following:

LifeTeen c/o Amy Ramsey 1200 S. Washington,  
Amarillo, TX 79102 or

The Franciscan Sisters of Christ the Light,  
Sancta Maria Convent,  
P.O. Box 906 | Panhandle, TX 7906 or

The Disciples of Lord Jesus Christ  
828 Mustang Street, Amarillo, TX 79102.

## *The Applause of Heaven*



## *Mary Catherine Schooler*

*For all that has been...thanks ~*

*For all that will be...yes.*