

Jeanette Marian Wieser

April 4, 1928 - March 6, 2018

Jeanette Marian Wieser, 89, passed away on the evening of March 6, 2018, in Tomball, Texas, where she had made her home since 2006.

She was born at her grandmother's Central Hotel in downtown Fredericksburg on the 4th of April, 1928, the second of five children born to J.B. and Estella Wieser.

She entered St. Mary's Catholic School at the age of five, then transferred to public school from which she graduated in 1944. She graduated from Southwest Texas State Teachers College in 1947 with a Bachelor's in Physical Education and earned her Master's in Administrative Education there in 1949.

She began teaching at Gonzales in 1947. In 1950, she transferred to Luther Burbank in San Antonio. She accepted a position at Pearsall the following year. In 1953, she became an associate professor at Texas A&I College in Kingsville. In 1957, she continued to advance her career at California's College of the Pacific. She also accepted a teaching position at the University of California at Los Angeles in 1958. Then in the fall of 1959, she returned to Texas to accept a professorship at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville. There, for the next three decades, she taught and trained hundreds of future coaches and teachers in the art of kinesiology while coaching the women's tennis and badminton teams.

A perfectionist at heart, her courses were challenging, but only because she believed that those wanting to be coaches needed to be serious about their chosen profession. Dozens of her former students kept in contact with her as they pursued their own careers and came to understand what her insistence on excellence had meant to them. In 1957, Jeanette co-authored Physical Education Handbook for Elementary Teaching and in 1960 published A Children's Book of Rhymes and Games.

In the early 1980s, she began to spend parts of her summers in Fredericksburg where she joined her brother, Mark, in their fledgling business at das



Peachhaus. She became a life-long supporter of jams and jellies. She retired from teaching in 2001 by which time, many coaches and teachers had come to recognize her a legend in the promotion of women's sports. She was an Emeritus member of the Texas Association of Health, Physical Education,

Recreation, and Dance.

Jeanette loved to travel and to entertain guests and family at her home in Huntsville. She was always jovial and the favorite of all her nieces and nephews. Each developed a very special bond with her as they each grew to adulthood.

She is survived by two sisters, Imogene Christian of Tomball, and Bernice Schnerr, and her brother-in-law, Bill Schnerr, of Austin. Also surviving is her brother, Mark Wieser of Fredericksburg, two nephews, David Christian and his wife, Carol of Tomball and Joby Wieser and his wife, Claire of Fredericksburg, three nieces, Carol Christian of Dickinson, Jenny Wieser and her husband, Terry Henderson of Fredericksburg, Amy Galan and her husband, Henry of Aurora, Colorado. Ten great-nephews and nieces also survive along with a host of cousins in Germany.

Her parents and her beloved brother, Jarvis Wieser, and his wife, Jean, and a brother-in-law, Chris Christian, preceded her in death.

She brought joy to the lives of countless with her humor, her unlimited generosity and simple presence. She and her cheerful outlook on life shall truly be missed.

A celebration of that life will be held at the Episcopal Church at 601 West Creek Street, Fredericksburg, Texas, beginning at 11 a.m. Friday, the 23rd March 2018.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to Jeanette's favorite professional sorority, DKG Society International at P.O. Box 1589, Austin, TX 78767-1589.

She will be laid to eternal rest alongside her parents and favorite aunt in Greenwood Cemetery.