

Shirley Ann Hardy Hutzler 1937 - 2018



HUTZLER, Shirley Ann Hardy Shirley Ann Hardy Hutzler was born to wonderful parents, Kenneth and Ethel Hardy, on October 7, 1937, in Tyler, Texas. She married Ralph Lawrence Hutzler and almost immediately became a mother and an Army wife. She then went on to become a mother again, and again, and again and again. Besides raising her five children, Shirley coped with incessant moving, making homes wherever the Army sent them. In the '70s as her children became teens, Shirley began a long career in the health insurance business, eventually becoming a lobbyist for the Texas Association of Health Underwriters. She became a familiar face in the Texas State Capitol building and also in our nation's capital in Washington. One of the highest honors in her industry is the Shirley Hutzler Award. She loved travelling, reading, opera, symphony, animals, Texas Longhorn Football and the company of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Shirley never met a stranger. People were drawn to her for all kinds of reasons, including her sense of humor, her encyclopedic breadth of knowledge, her natural charm, her beauty, her compassion, her infectious laugh and her amazing hugs that made people instantly comfortable around her. She was an exemplary mother; in fact, she was everybody's mom. So many people will miss her, especially her family. It's hard to imagine life without her in it. Her family includes her son Paul Weyland Hutzler and wife Nancy, and daughters Valerie Hutzler, Mary Elizabeth (Mel) Hutzler and partner V2, Julie Erskine and husband Gary, and Karen Baker and husband Rob. Also her grandchildren, Kenneth and Meaghan, Robert and Megan, Brittany and Honor, and great-grandchildren Jaxon, Makenna, Harper, Ainsley, and Quinn. The family would like to give very special thanks to dear friends and confidants, particularly Joe Ratcliff and Ann Bradford. Services will be held on December 29, 2018, at 3:00pm at Holy Word Lutheran Church, 10601 Bluff Bend Drive, Austin, Texas 78753. In lieu of flowers, please hug, call or say a prayer...for your mother. Published in Austin American-Statesman on Dec. 16, 2018