



Buena Milson

November 24, 1940 - January 9, 2020

Buena **Dusty** Lee Turner Milson of McKinney, Texas passed on January 9, 2020, at the age of 79 years. She was born on November 24, 1940, to Frank **Cecil** and Gladys **Allene** (Wall) Turner in Hobbs, New Mexico. Dusty grew up in Pecos, Texas, where she participated in horse barrel racing and served as a junior sheriff's deputy. After graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Science Education from the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP), she taught chemistry, physics, biology and geology at Austin High School, in El Paso, while simultaneously completing her Master's Degree in Science Education. Dusty met and married James "Jim" Milson on April 22, 1975. Jim was a professor in the Department of Teacher Education at UTEP and their life together revolved around science education, and together they mentored many budding science teachers. She served as director of student teaching and field experience at UTEP, where she was known for her collection of dragon figurines and elaborately manicured nails. Dusty was involved in planning, design and funding of El Paso's INSIGHTS Science Museum, where she later served 10 years as Executive Director. She was Vice President and Acting President of the Science Teacher's Association of Texas and was awarded a National Energy Foundation Grant, allowing her to organize workshops for science educators for eight consecutive years. Dusty later attended Sul Ross University in Alpine, Texas, earning accreditation in educational mid-management, administration and supervision, which she would use during her five years as Vice Principal at Fabens High School, Fabens, Texas. She was a lover of animals, and in addition to always have a home full of dogs, birds, fish, ferrets and others too extensive to list, Dusty brought home and nursed any she found, or was given, needing her loving care.

She is survived by daughter from her first marriage, Jacquelyn Caldwell of Austin, Texas, step-son, Andrew Milson and wife, Lori of Plano, Texas; step-daughter, Amy Klemmer of Mequon, Wisconsin; grandchildren, Colin Milson, Isabel Klemmer, Madeline Klemmer, and James Klemmer; brother-in-law, Thomas Milson and wife, Carol of McKinney, Texas; and numerous other loving family and friends as well as her Yorkshire Terrier, Mic, and grand-dog, Dashwood.

Dusty was preceded in death by her husband, Jim and parents.

A memorial will be held in El Paso, at a future date, where she and her beloved husband, Jim's ashes will be laid to

rest, in a place they chose together.

Memorial contributions may be made in Dusty's honor to a local animal rescue organization.

Memorials

Jim and Dusty were Dr. and Mrs. Science Teachers in El Paso! Without them, Insights would never have existed, and hundreds of Science teachers would never have become what they became because of their mentorships. Without Dusty and Jim, we never would have brought CAST (up until then the largest education conference ever in EL Paso) in 2002. They continued to lead, even after their retirements. El Paso is a better place because Dusty Milson lived here. Gracias mi amiga!

TIM HOLT, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

I am so sorry for your family's loss. I was a biology student of hers at Austin High School in 1985 and spent a couple of summer working at INSIGHTS for her. While I was never destined to study science, I think of her to this day. That is what led me to do a good search and realize that she had passed away a couple of months ago. She was a wonderful teacher that had a great impact on me during high school. I loved the fact that we both shared a love for all things dragons. I pray she is resting in peace and I hope that the family is guided by her loving spirit every day.

CHARLES CAIN, MARCH 14, 2020

As a child, I always loved when Uncle Jim and Aunt Dusty came to town. They shared their love of science with me by telling me stories about their museum. She always seemed so exotic to me as a child, especially when she brought her pet tarantula to grandma's house. Her loss will be felt but I am glad she is finally out of the pain and discomfort that have plagued her for decades.

ELIZABETH HANCOCK, JANUARY 12, 2020

I am so sorry for your loss. Your mother must have been such an amazing person. And she was blessed to have a daughter like you. God bless you and your family. Sending prayers and hugs. Love, Sharon

SHARON HOWELL, JANUARY 11, 2020

While I did not know Mrs. Milson, I know her daughter Jaci, who is a treasured member of SoCo Women's Chorus of Austin, Texas. As the Artistic Director, and on behalf of her fellow singers, we extend our heartfelt sympathies to the family of Mrs. Milson, who must have been an amazing woman to have raised an equally amazing woman like Jaci.

JANEY HALL, JANUARY 11, 2020

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