



Emmily Bess Osburn-Koehnle

August 28, 1927 - November 21, 2019

Dr. E. Bess Osburn, age 92, of Huntsville, TX peacefully passed away on November 21st, 2019.

Bess was born in Jacksonville, TX to Jay and Velma Olive McDermott on August 28th, 1927. She graduated from Sam Houston State University with a bachelor's degree in education. Subsequently, she received her doctorate in education from George Washington University. She married Douglas Osburn Jr in 1950. As a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force, the Osburns moved frequently forcing Bess to pursue her educational aspirations at multiple universities while working as a teacher and raising three sons. Bess had a long and successful career in education. Most notably, she was Title 1 Coordinator for the Fairfax County School System in Virginia, the largest school system in the United States at that time. Eventually, she retired as a tenured professor at Sam Houston State University, where a Literacy Endowment Fund was established in her honor and her passion for reading and education.

Dr. Bess is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Doug and Julie Osburn; her son and daughter-in-law, Dave and Ileana Osburn; and seven grandchildren. She is preceded in death by husband, Douglas C. Osburn Jr.; John Koehnle; her sister, Dr. Joy Liuzza; and her son, J. Mack Osburn. Condolences to family may be made at www.shmfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Adickes addition of Oakwood Cemetery

700 Martin Luther King Blvd
Huntsville, TX

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV 23. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Emmily Bess Osburn-Koehnle*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *She was such a sweet and gentle lady and great educator.*

David Henderson - November 23, 2019 at 09:57 PM



“ *M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Emmily Bess Osburn-Koehnle*



M. Hyvl - November 23, 2019 at 12:33 PM



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M. Hyvl - November 23, 2019 at 12:31 PM

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M. Hyvl - November 23, 2019 at 12:27 PM

BW

“ *Barbara & George Woods purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Emmily Bess Osburn-Koehnle.*



Barbara & George Woods - November 22, 2019 at 03:00 PM

PS

“ *Pat And Sue Sprott lit a candle in memory of Emmily Bess Osburn-Koehnle*



Pat and Sue Sprott - November 22, 2019 at 01:41 PM