



Katharine "Kata" Crain

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Katharine Edwards Crain passed away peacefully in Dallas, Texas on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015. She will always be remembered as a loving mother, grandmother and dear friend to all that knew her.

"Kata", as she was known by friends, was born on April 16, 1929, in El Paso, Texas to Mary and Eugene Edwards. She was a graduate of the Holton-Arms Preparatory School for Girls in Bethesda, Maryland, attended Sweet Briar College in Virginia and graduated from Bennington College in Vermont. After college she completed post-graduate work at The Katharine Gibbs School in Boston, Massachusetts. With her keen intelligence, quick wit and somewhat strong-willed behavior, she packed her belongings and moved to Houston, Texas to begin her career. While working in Houston, Kata soon met her future husband, Edward B. "E.B." Crain. They were married in 1956 and lived in Houston for three years before relocating to Longview, Texas, where they raised their children and lived for over forty years. She was a member of the Junior League of Houston and Longview, the Green Thumb Garden Club and Junior Literary Club. Kata loved being a mother to her son and daughter and, as they grew older, founded her own residential real estate firm. In recent conversations, she commented, "I may not have been the top seller of real estate, but I sure met a lot of new friends." Throughout her life, she touched many people with her kindness and generosity.

Kata was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of forty-eight years, E.B. Crain, and her brother, Berry H. Edwards of El Paso, Texas. She is survived by her son, Edward B. Crain, Jr., and daughter-in-law, Catherine P. Crain of Houston; her daughter, Katharine Crain Spears, and son-in-law, Robert R. Spears, Jr. of Dallas; grandchildren, Edward B. Crain III, Davis P. Crain, Henry E. Crain, Robert R. Spears III and Ellen E. Spears.

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude and appreciation to her



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caregivers, Jecinta Mburu, Jane Gachira, Loretta Ouma and Nancy Nix for their endless care and unconditional love, as well as to all the staff and employees of the Villages of Lake Highlands for their many years of assistance and compassionate attention to Mrs. Crain.

A memorial service is to be conducted at noon on Friday, April 10, 2015 at Trinity Episcopal Church, 906 Padon Street in Longview, Texas, where the Rev. Kevin Wittmayer will officiate under direction of Rader Funeral Home.

In lieu of customary remembrances, contributions in her memory may be directed to the

Trinity School of Texas, 215 N. Teague Street, Longview, Texas 75601, Trinity Episcopal Church, or in Kata's honor at the charity of your choice.



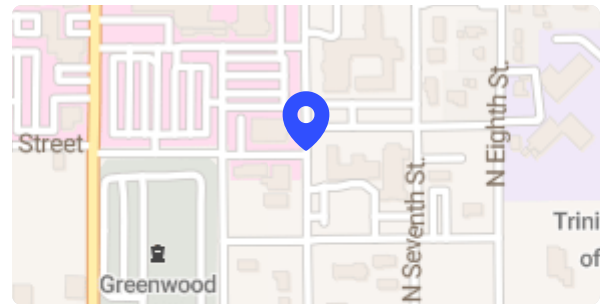
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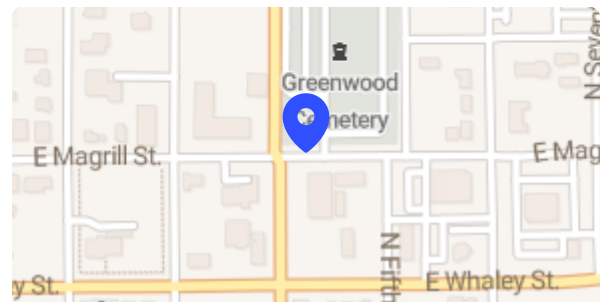
Church Service

- Friday**, April 10, 2015
- 12:00 PM CT
- Trinity Episcopal Church**
6th and Padon, Longview TX



Cemetery Details

- Greenwood Cemetery**
705 Magrill, Longview TX





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CM

Charles Mattox posted:

Katharine and Edward and families: You know how very close Kata and my mother were all their lives. Whenever I think of my early days in El Paso the images of Kata continually re-appear. The christening dress which Kata and EB bought in Paris, and which Mother and Dad used at my Christening has been used by many of the Harvey grandchildren and great-grandchildren including our daughters. It is framed in a shadowbox frame in our home and always reminds me of the true "lady" your Mother was. I think of Kata frequently with many happy memories!! I am so glad that Emily and our two daughters had the opportunity to get to know her.Char Mattox

April 14 at 2:38 PM

SP

Susan Pope posted:

Katharine and Edward,I am so sorry for your loss. I have such fun memories of your mother while growing up. I know you will miss her but hope you will take comfort in knowing she is in a better place and reunited with your sweet father!! Prayers for your family.Love,Susan Smead Pope

April 9 at 5:14 PM

JS

James W Sawyer posted:

My sincere condolences to your family on your loss of Mrs Crain. James W Sawyer

April 9 at 9:16 AM

LK

Love, Mary & Mary Dinkins & Cathy & Marty Koonsman sent a Sacred Garden Spray to the Crain family.



April 9 at 4:54 AM

CP

Clara Payne posted:

Dear Katherine and Edward,Praying that the Lord keep His loving arms tightly around you at this difficult time. When I think of Kata I always think of elegance. She was such a lovely, elegant lady- -so warm and friendly and loving. I remember how beautiffully she entertained., also. It was a joy to be in her home. Sorry to miss the service on Friday but Bill and I are in Calif. Would love to see you two but will be praying for you with love, Sister Payne.

April 8 at 7:02 AM



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Linda Thomas posted:

Thinking of your family Katherine and Edward at this sad time. Linda Thomas

April 8 at 3:33 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Katharine "Kata" by
contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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