

# NANCY JEANNE DUGAN

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## 1932-2019

ARLINGTON - Nancy Jeanne Sellman Jerome Dugan, 87, died February 23, 2019.

Nancy was born February 11, 1932 in Waco, Texas to Collis Fred and Marguerite Sellman.

Nancy's early years were spent in Arlington and Handley, Texas, where her father was linotype operator for *The Arlington Citizen*. The family moved to Bridgeport, Texas in 1947, when her father became publisher of *The Bridgeport Index*. Nancy graduated from Bridgeport High School, where she was a drum majorette, in 1949.

Nancy earned her Bachelor of Science - Education degree from North Texas State Teachers College (now University of North Texas) in 1953, and began her teaching career in Tioga, Texas. She married John Stewart Jerome in 1952, and one year later gave birth to their first child, Kathleen (Kate) Jerome. They moved to West Texas, where Nancy taught English at Iraan High School, and expanded the family with Martin (Marty) Stewart Jerome and Julia (Julie) Jerome.

Subsequently, Nancy taught in Ohio and Michigan before returning to the Arlington area in 1966.

In 1968, Nancy was offered a position with the Mansfield Independent School District to teach high school English and to establish a journalism department.

Along with her teaching duties and raising a family, Nancy earned a Master of Education degree from North Texas State in 1970.

In the mid 1980s, Nancy was asked to form a Public Information Office for the Mansfield district, and ran the office until her retirement in 1994. She was one of the early members of the Texas School Public Relations Association (TSPRA).

She married James Edward (Jim) Dugan in August 1981, and together they welcomed four grandchildren: Adriane Mae and Theodore Patrick Crimmins, Margaret Lauren and Carly Eliza Piepenburg, and great -grandson, Carter James Mielke, into the family.

Jim and Nancy were active members of West-minster Presbyterian Church in Arlington. In their spare time, Nancy and Jim enjoyed traveling in New Mexico and Colorado.

Memorial service will be held on March 8, 2019 at 11 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1330 S Fielder Rd., Arlington, TX, 76013. Interment will be on March 11, 2019 at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery, 2000 Mountain Creek Parkway, Dallas, TX, 75211.