



## Ann Brandon Sturrock

September 21, 1936 - June 2, 2025

Ann Brandon Sturrock, 88, passed away with family members at her bedside on June 2, 2025, in Sugar Land, Texas.

Born on September 21, 1936, in Gulf, Texas, Ann lived a full life marked by curiosity, compassion and adventure.

A proud Texan, Ann grew up in Palacios, Texas, and graduated from Palacios High School. She majored in education at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, where she was a cheerleader and football sweetheart. Her wide-ranging academic journey was a testament to her thirst for knowledge. She earned two master's degrees at the University of Houston, completed multiple sessions of Mini Medical School at Houston's Health Museum, attended clown school and graduated from a course on how to artificially inseminate cattle.

She began her career teaching middle school P.E., health, driver education and math. While teaching at a Corpus Christi junior high, she caught the eye of a new math teacher, John Sturrock. She eventually worked as an instructional designer at a hospital, newspaper advertising salesperson and cruise travel agent.

Ann's personal life was equally rich. She shared 62 years of marriage with John, and they enjoyed many laughs together as they raised daughters Staci

(Glenn Schlesinger) and Brandi; and son Brett (Netsay Rodriguez). Their first-born child Kyle preceded Ann in death. Her legacy continues through her cherished grandchildren, Kiara Rodriguez and Connor Sturrock.

In addition to her husband and three children, Ann is survived by her brothers Thomas Brandon and Kenneth Brandon; sister-in-law Georgene Brandon; numerous cousins, nieces and nephews; and her loyal cat Mikey. Ann was predeceased by her parents Thomas and Trude Ann Brandon; sister Becky Brandon Bolling Osland; sister-in-law Dori Brandon; brother-in-law Jim Osland; nephews Cody Brandon and Randy Bolling; aunt Bettye Beason; and many beloved pets over the years — including best dogs ever Nicky and Lucky, and cats Molly and Emmy.

Ann was endlessly willing to try new things — from water skiing to downhill skiing, from belly dancing to synchronized swimming — and even swam miles of laps while pregnant with Brandi. She introduced both her daughters and many of their friends to Girl Scouts, even earning a Penguin Patch for one memorable freezing night of camping with Brandi's troop.

A lifelong Presbyterian, Ann served as a church elder, sang in multiple church choirs, and participated in Bible study groups and women's church circles for decades. Her pastor, Reverend Dr. Frederick Seay, prayed over Ann in the moments leading up to her death.

Travel for Ann was an absolute joy. She and John toured Italy, Russia and the Panama Canal. She mushed sled dogs in Alaska and gamely manned the backseat on multiple Route 66 road trips.

Those who knew Ann remember her primarily as sweet, kind, patient, generous and quick with a zinger. Her presence brought warmth to every room she entered, whether a classroom or a family reunion. She was a beauty

until the end, with sparkling blue eyes and a warm smile.

In the words of her son Brett, “She was beloved by every person who had the chance to talk to her.”

A memorial service, followed by a reception, will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 12, at First Presbyterian Church of Sugar Land, with Rev. Seay presiding.

Ann loved flowers — especially yellow roses — but in lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to an animal rescue organization of your choice.