

Baylor Round Table

Tribute to Jane Stopschinski Sternberg

Helen Keller once said “Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all.” Jane Stopschinski Sternberg lived that adventurous life to the fullest. She could be called the true Renaissance woman because of her unique worldwide life experiences which would include many Baylor encounters throughout her life.

Raised in San Benito, Texas, she came to Baylor to earn her Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees from the School of Music. With her intellect, talent, sense of humor, and infectious deep laugh, she made her presence known, eventually studying with Roxy Grove, renowned musician, music faculty member and the first Chair of the Baylor Music faculty. Following her Baylor experiences, she studied at The Julliard School of Music in New York.

Jane had many accomplishments, but she was most proud of passing along her love of music to her children and grandchildren who were involved in piano, harp, viola, ballet, hand bells, choir and many other activities. Some of those children are professional musicians today. Besides raising and enriching her children, she had a distinguished career of her own, teaching piano and harp and assisting with the Houston Harp Ensemble, all the while making costumes and transporting five children to church, drama, ball games, and scouting activities. She taught her children to appreciate world travel, exposing them to various cultures and languages.

Jane never lost her love of Baylor, Baylor Round Table, and the School of Music. In 1995 she moved back to Waco and married Daniel Sternberg, Dean Emeritus of the School of Music and maestro of the Waco Symphony. She could be seen at countless recitals, performances, and productions, always encouraging students and faculty alike. It was not uncommon to see her rush backstage to give hugs to all performers whether beginners or

world renowned musicians. She was always present for the Waco Symphony and spent many volunteer hours helping with tedious details to contribute to the ongoing success of the Waco Symphony in Dean Sternberg's honor.

Besides her volunteerism with the Symphony, she was also a volunteer with Meals on Wheels, making 1000 personalized birthday cards each year for all meal recipients. She helped establish a senior center to help older adults learn to use the computer. In addition, she ministered to many friends with personal problems, making each friend feel special.

In summary, Jane lived life to the fullest. She was interesting, smart, talented, witty, and determined. We all miss her but shall celebrate the tremendous legacy she leaves through her children, grandchildren, former students, and friends all over the world.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Karaffa

Ann May

Myrl Luper

Mary Ila Colvin

December 8, 2015