

## Ann Connolly Henry

November 2 1941 – November 11, 2013



Ann Connolly Henry, age 72, passed away on November 11, 2013 in Dallas, Texas. Ann was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on November 2, 1941, graduated in 1959 from Casady School, and attended Briarcliff College in New York and the University of Oklahoma where she later received her Bachelor of Arts degree at age 63 in July 2004. She was married to John Armstrong Henry, III on May 31, 1963 and celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this year. She raised her three children in Dallas, TX and Oklahoma City, OK where she and her husband continue to have residences. She is survived by John; her children -- Jay Henry, Ann-Marie Myers, and Nina Henry Haggard; her six grandchildren – Mimi Myers, Natalia Henry, Walter Myers, Matias Henry, Lucas Henry, and

Avery Myers; her brother, Mark Connolly; her sons-in-law, Blake Myers and David Haggard; and her daughter-in-law, Pilar Henry.

Ann commenced her career in fashion design in New York City working for Vogue Magazine. She continued her career in interior design in Dallas and Oklahoma City, and in the 1980s and early 1990s owned and ran two retail interior design businesses: the Fabric Shoppe and Chelsea Collection.

In 1984, Ann founded an organization focused on training teachers in methods of instructing children with dyslexia and other learning disabilities. Since its founding, the organization has trained over 12,000 teachers and has impacted the lives of over 150,000 students throughout the State of Oklahoma.

Ann was also critical to the construction, growth and development of Trinity School in Oklahoma City which is focused on teaching children with dyslexia. Trinity benefited from Ann's tireless work as well as financial contributions from the Henry family. Finally, Ann was an important early organizer of the Seeworth Academy in Oklahoma City which is a charter school founded by Justice Alma Wilson with a focus on teaching adjudicated youth as well as children in need of educational direction.

Ann has numerous friends all over the world who have grown to love her optimism, gracious manner, wisdom, and loyalty.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Highland Park Methodist Church ([www.hpumc.org](http://www.hpumc.org)), Greenhill School ([www.greenhill.org](http://www.greenhill.org)), Hockaday School ([www.hockaday.org](http://www.hockaday.org)), Saint David's School ([www.saintdavids.org](http://www.saintdavids.org)), The Nightingale-Bamford School ([www.nightingale.org](http://www.nightingale.org)), and The Forman School ([www.formanschool.org](http://www.formanschool.org)).

A visitation will be held at Sparkman Hillcrest Funeral Home on Thursday November 14<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 PM. The family will hold a private burial on the morning of Friday November 15<sup>th</sup>, and funeral services will be held at Highland Park Methodist Church on Friday November 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM.