



**Mary Katherine Beissner**  
**06/09/1945 – 09/06/2021**

Mary Katherine Beissner, age 76, passed away on September 6, 2021 in San Antonio, TX. Mary was born June 9, 1945 to Milton Edward Beissner and Margaret Mary Bonnet.

Mary attended St. Gerard Catholic School and graduated from Providence High School in 1963, both in San Antonio. She graduated from Saint Mary's University and The University of Texas at Austin, earning a Master of Arts degree in English. Mary worked at the University of Texas, the University of New Mexico and the Psychological Corporation. She enjoyed her part-time work at HEB Central Market, also taking some culinary classes while there. Most recently she worked as an

editor for Booz Allen Hamilton and Educational Testing Services (ETS), retiring in 2016.

Mary excelled in school, earning many awards and recognitions including Delta Epsilon Sigma (National Scholastic Honor Society) and Who's Who among Students in American University and Colleges while attending St Mary's. She had a great love for music, playing piano and organ for many years. Mary also had a passion for books, especially evident in her large collection of cookbooks. Above all, Mary enriched the lives of all who knew her.

Mary's family and friends will remember her especially for her

gentleness and kind heart – always showing concern for others. She was methodical and precise in whatever she did, using her brilliant mind and her gentle spirit to persevere. Mary faced the

challenges of life (particularly health issues) with a positive attitude of finding solutions. Mary delighted in volunteering at The Texas Folklife Festival annually for many years. She was known for her generosity and support of institutions such as Oxfam, Doctors Without Borders, Feeding America, KLRN and local museums such as The McNay, The Witte and San Antonio Museum of Art.

Ms. Beissner is survived by her sisters, Eleanor Foley of Austin, TX and Nancy Lucas of Healdsburg, CA, brother-in-law Bob Geiger plus numerous nieces and nephews. Mary was preceded in death by her parents, brother Robert Edward Beissner, his wife Bernice Mutchler Beissner and brother-in-law Robert Foley.

The funeral services will be at FuneralCaring USA, 17331 I-35 N #100, Schertz TX 78154 on October 1, 2021 at 11am.

The internment will be private at San Fernando Cemetery #2 at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to [Oxfamamerica.org](http://Oxfamamerica.org) or a charity of your choice.

