

Hallie Margaret Pinson

Hallie arrived as a freshman at MHC from San Antonio, Texas. She joined the large group of classmates housed in Pearson's dormitory and then switched dormitories each of the following three years living in Pearsons Annex, N. Mandell and Prospect. Her roommate freshman and sophomore years was **Pam Newcombe**. Hallie majored in History and graduated in 1965.



Sallie Wright Abbas remembers Hallie as “a friendly person with a ready laugh, and was distinctly Texan.” **Marina Fairbank Muldowney** recalls her as a most generous person known for her high-jinks. One story has her, on several occasions, being let into the dorm after hours by friends who would lower the fire ladder at the rear of Pearsons.

Following graduation, she returned to her beloved Texas where she married “Skip” Rutherford. Both **Carol Houlik Liutkus** and **Marina Fairbank Muldowney** were among the bridesmaids. She then lived in NYC while Skip finished law school and two sons were born. They later divorced, but then remarried and divorced a second time.

Susan, one of her sisters, shared that they were part of a large family that split their time between a home in San Antonio, Texas and a ranch outside the city. Hallie had two brothers and three sisters. Following her father's death in 1961, her mother remarried in 1963, and three step-daughters then joined the family. Susan also shared that Hallie lived in Seattle and California as well as Columbia, South America, and that she visited and resided in India several times.

Her obituary published by the Ebensberger Fisher Funeral Home quotes her as “always full of energy and saw the best in everyone.” At age 66, she opened the first all-green Montessori school, Tarry Bank Montessori, in her home town of Boerne, TX and served as the Executive Director. Further it states that “if she

wasn't in Boerne, she was traveling the globe. New places and total immersion into those cultures was always her goal.”

She is survived by her three sons—John Rutherford, Andrew Rutherford and Theo Pinson, their wives and six grandchildren; a sister—Susan Pinson Belding (MHC’68) and a step-sister—Constance “Connie” Guthrie Hogland (MHC’63); and several nieces including Margaret G. Vroom (MHC2012) and great nieces including Susan H. Ratzlaff (MHC2023). Leone Guthrie Reeder (a deceased step-sister) also attended MHC, class of 1960.

Hallie died January 6, 2023. Her Celebration of Life service was held January 21, 2023.

Sources: Ebensberger Fisher Funeral Home, Boerne, Texas.
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