



## Mrs. Ann Kempson Grau

October 19, 1931 - February 13, 2023

Ann Kempson Grau, born on October 19, 1931 in Bridgeport, Alabama, died peacefully of natural causes in Arlington, Virginia on February 13, 2023. She was 91 years old.

The oldest daughter of Clarice and Jerry Maples, she lived a long and remarkable life.

She attended Brenau, a women's college in Gainesville, Georgia, in 1949, but the

following year transferred to Eastern New Mexico University to be closer to where her

family had moved after her father contracted (and survived) tuberculosis.

There she met

her first husband, Clinton Norris Kempson, and they eventually settled in Southern

California. She later earned her Administrative Services Credential at California State

University, Fullerton.

She was an elementary, junior high, and high school teacher, and then a school

administrator in the Tustin Unified School District for nearly 20 years. In 1975, she

survived the sudden death of her husband of 23 years when she was just 44

years old

with a son still in high school. She eventually sold the family home and moved closer to

the California coastline, where after some time, she met and married her second

husband, Mel Grau, who died in their 29th year together. She then relocated to Northern

Virginia to be closer to her children: Mark and his wife Janet Greenberg, Lauri and her

husband Ron Brooks, and Judson.

A beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Ann will be remembered for

her charm, her almost other-worldly intuition, her kindness to the most vulnerable

among us, and her signature wry sense of humor. She considered her spectacular white

standard poodle, Coco, her soul mate. She was an avid reader and expressed her

sensitivities through her writing and artwork. She is survived by her younger sister,

Linda Williams, as well as her three children; two stepdaughters: Pamela Grau Twena

and Claudia Grau Sender; eight grandchildren: Spencer and Norris Brooks; Jonathan,

Satya (Zurofsky), and Claire (Haskell) Twena; Malka, Stella, and Joseph Sender; and

five great-grandchildren. We are grateful to have had the privilege to participate in her

life. She provided us a model not so much for a woman but for a human being,

influencing how we lead our lives, conduct our relationships, and change our

world.

A memorial service will be held on April 29 at Peters Cove Cemetery in Woodville,

Alabama at 1:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to

the National Museum of Women in the Arts or the Mu Chapter of the Phi Mu Sorority at

Brenau University.

Arrangements Entrusted to Scottsboro Funeral Home

# Cemetery Details

## Peters Cove Cemetery

Co. Rd. 30  
Woodville, AL 35776

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR **29**. 1:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Ann Kempson Grau*

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