



Edith Rohr Spang

November 4, 1916 - April 30, 2012

EDITH ROHR SPANG, 95, of Houston, Texas, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 30, 2012. Born on November 4, 1916 in Cook County, Illinois to parents, Carl and Anne Rohr, who were German-Austrian natives, Edith moved as a young child with her parents and sisters, Charlotte Goodwin and Ellie Carano, to San Antonio, Texas. There she became an avid tennis player and her life-long passion for learning blossomed. Edith was graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in San Antonio and was a member of the National Honor Society. She met Claude Frank Spang, a young San Antonio attorney, who challenged her intellect and tried her patience. Edith married Claude in 1935, pursuing a career as Claude's legal assistant. The couple moved to Houston in 1958 with daughter, Claudia, three horses, and a menagerie of turtles, dogs, cats and a cotton-tailed rabbit. They became members of St. Francis Episcopal Church. While Claude worked with Sallie Woolrich on legal matters associated with the establishment of the St. Francis Episcopal Day School, Edith was active in the Elizabeth Guild and became librarian of the Spring Branch Memorial Library that was housed at that time at St. Francis. When the library grew, Edith was responsible for moving the library to its permanent location where she served as head librarian until retirement. The reading garden behind the library is dedicated to Edith and is named, The Edith Spang Reading Garden, an appropriate honor for Edith, who was blessed with a green thumb and was a long-term member of the Hedwig Garden Club. Edith was also a dedicated volunteer of the Spring

Branch Hospital, where she served in many capacities for a period in excess of twenty years. Interment will be in the columbarium of St. Francis Episcopal Church. Memorial donations may be made to Friends of Spring Branch Memorial Library, 713-464-1633.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 16. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Francis Episcopal Church
345 Piney Point Road
Houston, TX 77024

Tribute Wall



“ *Edith Rohr Spang*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Edith Rohr Spang*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Edith Rohr Spang*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Edith Rohr Spang*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *From children's books in a bathtub to the Edith Spang Reading Garden....Edith has been, and will always be, the heart of the Spring Branch Memorial Library.
Susan and Bruce Forney*

Susan Forney - May 15, 2012 at 04:56 PM

SR

“ *My mother, brother, and I fondly recall our many trips to the library in the 1960's and Mrs. Spang behind the desk. She encouraged our love of books at a very young age, and our love of reading has lasted well into our senior years. Thank you, and God Bless You.*
Lucille, Keith, and Stephanie

Stephanie Koronka Ried - May 13, 2012 at 06:36 PM

CP

I first met Edith in 1970 when I joined Harris County Public Library as Branch Librarian of the Fairbanks Branch. She was such an inspiration to me. I was amazed at the service she gave the Villages in that small little house. She had so many ideas about providing library service and I learned a lot from her. She left a lasting legacy and touched the lives of thousands of people. What a great lady she was. God Speed, Edith.
Love, Catherine Park

Catherine S. Park - May 14, 2012 at 11:58 AM



“ *My sincere condolences on your loss.*

Shawn Simon - May 08, 2012 at 12:16 PM