

SUE JOHNSON ERNEST, KΔ



Sue Ernest, Tina Melo, Pam Staples
(Picture taken April 6, 2006,
At installation of Tina Melo to HAPA President)

SUE JOHNSON ERNEST passed away on Feb. 27, 2011 at the age of 83. A native Houstonian, she was born the 30th of December, 1927 to Charles and Hess Johnson. Educated in Houston schools, Sue graduated from Lamar High School and attended Rice University for one year where she joined The Owls Club.

She then transferred to the University of Colorado where she earned her Bachelor's degree in Sociology and became a member of her beloved **Kappa Delta** sorority.

Sue was an enthusiastic and dedicated member of and leader for Kappa Delta sorority. As a member of Kappa Delta's national expansion team, Sue successfully helped to re-colonize a chapter at the University of Texas at Austin in 1980 and was a driving force in adding a KD chapter at Texas A&M University in the late 1990s.

As president of the **Houston Alumnae Panhellenic Association** in 1987-88, Sue was instrumental in founding the **Houston Alumnae Panhellenic Foundation** which has provided 366 scholarships worth nearly \$500,000 since its inception.

Sue was the first Texas alumna to be inducted into the Order of the Emerald, an honor bestowed biennially upon a select group of Kappa Deltas who have given exceptional service to the sorority at the local, state, or national level. As a long standing member of St. Thomas' Episcopal Church & School, Sue also gave generously of her time and talents throughout the years.

Sue was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, L. Scott Ernest; and her daughter, Lauren E. Gentle. Left behind to treasure her memory are her two children, son, Scott C. Ernest and wife Amy, and daughter, Sheryl and husband William B. Klinke, M.D.; son-in-law, E. Bryan Gentle and wife Robin; 8 grandchildren: Adam Gentle, Matt Gentle and wife Andrea, Katie Klinke, Will Klinke and wife Justine, Shepherd Klinke, Mary Martha Klinke; Scott J. Ernest and wife Stephanie, and Beth Ernest; 1 great-grandson, Lucas Gentle; all of Houston.

A memorial service will be conducted at 1:00PM, Saturday, March 5, 2011 at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, 4900 Jackwood, Houston. In lieu of flowers, the family requests with gratitude that contributions in Sue's honor be directed to St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, Houston Hospice, The Federalist Patriot Fund of Chattanooga, TN, or Prison Fellowship Ministries of Merrifield, VA.

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