

# Helen Ginger Obituary

Helen Ilene Carpenter Ginger, 68 years of age, passed away on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 in Austin, Texas. Helen was born on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 1952 in Hogansville, Georgia to James Gordon Carpenter and Dorothy Pope Carpenter.

Helen graduated from Lockhart High School in Lockhart, Texas before earning her Bachelor of Art Degrees in English and Speech Communication, Summa Cum Laude, and a Master of Arts Degree in Speech Communications from Southwest State University in San Marcos, Texas. After earning her Teaching Certificate, she taught at San Antonio College and Incarnate Word College. Helen's passion was for writing, and she published three novels, four technical books for Texas State Technical College in Waco, and numerous articles. She authored several writers' blogs including "Straight From Hel" and a newsletter, "Doing it Write." She served as President and Board Member for Sisters In Crime; the Executive Director and Board Member for the Writers' League of Texas, and chaired and served on several committees each year for the Texas Book Festival held at the State Capitol grounds.

Helen is survived by her husband of 44 years, Dave Ginger; her son, Paul Ginger of Austin, Texas; and her daughter, Christi Ginger Ewing, son-in-law Patrick Ewing and grandson Laurence Ewing, of San Francisco, California. She is also survived by her sister, Molly Hunt Frey, and brother-in-law Robert Frey of Wilson, Wisconsin.

Helen is preceded in death by her mother, Dorothy Carpenter Hunt; her father, Gordon Carpenter and two sisters Cathy Wallace and Sharon Gordonna Simmons.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Because of COVID and traveling concerns, the family is planning a Celebration of Helen's Life in June at their home in Austin, Texas.

The family would like to express their gratitude towards everyone who has sent loving notes, emails and calls on what Helen meant to them and the many condolences expressed to the family.