

and calm efficiency that are contagious. His professional success is manifest in the quality of the students who can say that Harry Roberts was their major professor. The work that he has accomplished in his chosen field of marine geology is recognized internationally and has provided significant contributions to our understanding of the processes that shape the world. Studies of deltas and deep-sea seep features would not be complete without reference to his published works.

It is not surprising that Harry has been awarded honorary membership in the GCSSEPM and has been presented with the AAPG's I. A. Levorsen award and SEPM's Shepard Medal by his peers, and that he has been honored by his University with the J. P. Morgan Professorship, the

accolade of Distinguished Research Master, and the prestigious Boyd Professorship, the highest academic honor bestowed by LSU.

This *Transactions* volume is dedicated to Harry H. Roberts for his academic and research excellence and for his furtherance of our understanding of Gulf Coast geology. Over the years his helping spirit and knowledge of geological systems have come to inspire a generation of university and industry students and colleagues. That spirit especially has distinguished Harry's impact on our science, on our professional societies, and on the lives and careers of all who know him. I conclude by saying that I am honored to make this dedication.

—Richard H. Fillon



IN MEMORIAM

Birdena T. Schroeder

Birdena Schroeder died on May 7, 2003, after a long and courageous battle with breast cancer.

Born September 11, 1937 in El Reno, Oklahoma, Birdena moved to Austin after high school and in 1959 married Clarence C. Schroeder. A long-time University of Texas employee, Birdena worked in the Development Office for a year and then in the Department of Geological Sciences for 22 years, retiring as Executive Assistant in 1982.

For decades, Birdena was Executive Secretary of the Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies (GCAGS) and co-owner with Robert E. Boyer of Earth Enterprises, Inc. She traveled extensively to GCAGS conventions, attending meetings and overseeing sales and distribution of geological society publications. In 1996, GCAGS recognized her tireless work by presenting her with a Special Commendation Award, and in 2002, the annual GCAGS *Transactions* volume was dedicated to her and Bob Boyer jointly for their devoted work with GCAGS and the Austin Geological Society. To many people, Birdena was GCAGS.

A gifted storyteller, Birdena delighted in telling tales of her adventures at home and abroad. She loved to travel and greatly enjoyed her trips with Clarence and son Scott across the U.S., Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and her parents' native homeland in Ireland. She treasured her many friends and geological colleagues, always having a smile and a story.

Memorial contributions may be made to any chapter of the American Cancer Society, Hospice Austin's Christopher House (4017 Spicewood Springs Road, Austin, TX 78759), or the Clarence C. and Birdena T. Schroeder Endowment Fund of St. Paul Lutheran Church (3501 Red River, Austin, TX 78705).