

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
CATHERINE AND MARK COKE**

MEMORIAL SERVICE

2:00 PM

Saturday, April 6, 2024
First Baptist Church
Altus, Oklahoma

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude by Clark Huey

Family Enter to "Let It Be"
Linda Evetts, Pianist

Welcome and Opening Prayer

"In This Very Room"
Donna Tucker, Soloist
Clark Huey, Accompanist

Memorial Tribute Video

Remarks by Barbara Reid and Troy Coke

"Bridge Over Troubled Water"
Manda Stephens, Soloist
Clark Huey, Accompanist

Message

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
Gordon Ringler, Pianist

Final Prayer and Dismissal

Postlude by Clark Huey

OFFICIATING
Chaplain Erin Martinez

In Loving Memory



Mark & Catherine Coke

Catherine Josephine (Coddling) Coke was born on September 10, 1950, to Helen Joe (Shotwell) and Donald Knight Coddling, in Ponca City, Oklahoma. Catherine graduated from Shidler High School as valedictorian with the Class of 1968. She attended Oklahoma City University and earned a bachelor's in music in 1972. While at OCU, she toured Europe and performed in the USO, entertaining armed services members stationed abroad. Catherine went on to the University of Oklahoma of Law and obtained her Juris Doctorate in 1975.

Markus Troy Coke, Jr. was born on March 23, 1950, in Quanah, Texas to Ima Ree (Sheehan) and Markus Troy Coke, Sr. ("Troy"). He went to Eldorado Public Schools and graduated with the Class of 1968, as salutatorian. Upon graduating high school, Mark attended Southwestern State College (now Southwestern Oklahoma State University), graduating in 1972, with a Bachelor of Political Science. He furthered his education at the University of Oklahoma of Law, graduating with a Juris Doctorate in 1975.

While attending OU Law, Mark and Catherine met via a simple seating chart and fell in love. The young couple married at the Coddling family ranch in Foraker, Oklahoma on May 25, 1974. Upon graduation from law school, the young couple moved to Altus, where they raised two children, Troy and Barbara. Catherine served as the City Attorney for many years. During her legal career and continuing into retirement, Catherine was an active member of P.E.O. Chapter GQ, MacDowell Club of Allied Arts, a group of musicians in Altus and surrounding communities, and president of the Oklahoma Federation of Music Clubs. Catherine was a gifted piano player and talented singer. She loved making and sharing music with others. Catherine was the choir director at First Presbyterian Church of Altus for over 30 years and often sang during services, blessing the people of the church with her wonderful voice. Mark was a well-respected attorney who specialized in wills and trusts, probate, and real estate. He served on the board of directors of National Bank of Commerce and was active in local civic groups. Mark was an avid bicyclist and motorcyclist. He loved exploring America's beauty spots with fellow riders and narrowly avoiding speeding tickets. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Altus where he and his wife attended together.

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace."

~ Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

