



Mrs. Dorothy Matthews

January 8, 1945 - May 13, 2026

Dorothy Feeney Matthews (1945–2026)

Dorothy Feeney Matthews, a retired psychologist with the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston and the beloved wife of the late Frank F. Matthews, passed away peacefully on May 13, 2026.

Born January 8, 1945, in Charlotte, North Carolina, Dorothy was the cherished daughter of Buena Criminger Feeney and Burla Leighton Feeney. She graduated from Duke University and earned her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from The Ohio State University. In 1972, she made Houston her home, where she built a life filled with purpose, compassion, and community.

Dorothy touched countless lives through her work and her gentle spirit. She was a founding member of Ligmincha Texas and served as its director for many years, sharing her wisdom and kindness with all who knew her. Dorothy was also an early supporter of Childbuilders and served on Childbuilders advisory board for numerous years.

She is survived by her sister, Margaret Mattison of South Carolina, and was predeceased by her brother, Floyd Feeney of California. Dorothy's love extended to her family of five nieces and nephews, nine grandnieces and grandnephews, and five great-grandnieces and nephews—spread across England, California, and many states in between. Her warmth and generosity will be remembered by all whose lives she graced.

A memorial service will be held at Ligmincha Texas, 5316 Bellaire Blvd., Bellaire, at 2 pm on Sunday, May 24.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites contributions to Ligmincha Texas, Inc., P.O. Box 2731, Bellaire, Texas 77402, in honor of Dorothy's lifelong dedication to community and spiritual growth.