



## Fairlie Armistead Brown Schreiber

February 28, 1932 - November 17, 2021

Fairlie Armistead Brown Schreiber (Fay), 89, of Citronelle, died on November 17, 2021. Born in Pensacola, Florida, on February 28, 1932, she attended Florida State University, where she sang alto in the renowned university chorus. She received her BA in Psychology from Agnes Scott College, her MSW from the University of Minnesota, and a Master of Theological Studies from Spring Hill College. Fay began her career as a clinical social worker at the University of Illinois Hospital and continued it at the Mobile Mental Health Center (Altapointe), where she worked for over forty years until her retirement in 2016. During her tenure Fay trained many clinicians and was a mentor to her colleagues. In 2010 she was awarded the Altapointe Star of the Year. In nominating her, her clients said, "She gave me hope." "She would help with any problem big or small." One consumer wrote, "This woman has helped me more than any medication I've ever been prescribed."

An advocate for justice and ever a champion of the disenfranchised and underserved, Fay marched for civil rights and protested the Vietnam War. In her home she hosted civil disobedience and nonviolent protest training sessions for activists for civil rights, the cherry pickers and the grape pickers boycotts, and the Vietnam War. In 1979, when the family was watching a 60 Minutes story on Vietnamese boat refugees, one of Fay's daughters asked if they could help. They applied to be a sponsor through Catholic Social Services, and soon after, they welcomed a family of eight from Laos, who lived with them for more than a year. Fay was a founding member of the

Quest for Social Justice, active in Alabama Arise, an activist for peace, and a Head Start volunteer. When parents of her Head Start class approached her about their older children, Fay started a tutorial program for children 6-16 in one of the poorest project developments in Mobile. The program ran for many years, and a number of the students became tutors. Fay was a Girl Scout leader and a church youth group leader. She loved animals and adopted many rescues over the years. Her love of nature led to many family vacations, hiking the Appalachian Trail.

She is survived by her daughters Katherine Frederick (Alan Zube), Susanna Goheen (Chris), Sarah Alexander; her sister May Cameron Brown (Alice Delaney); grandchildren Christopher Frederick (Brandy), Rebecca Singleton (Chris), Susanna Cannon, Jennifer Golobic (Stephen), Katie Metzner (Jimmie), Michael Goheen, Sarah Elizabeth Gwin; and seven great grandchildren. Contributions in her memory can be made to The Quest for Social Justice, 3263 Demetropolis Road, Mobile, AL 36693 or to Saad Hospice, 1515 University Boulevard South, Mobile, AL 36609.