



F. Marie Hall **1937 – 2017**

F. Marie Hall is a native West Texan. Miss Hall attended Big Spring ISD and graduated high school from The Hockaday School in Dallas, Texas. After receiving a B.A. degree at Southern Methodist University and a secretarial certificate at Katharine Gibbs Secretarial School in New York City, Miss Hall, an accomplished businesswoman, worked in banking and law and served as director of the State National Bank of Big Spring, Texas, but she is remembered more for her many philanthropic efforts. Hall's volunteerism at the Children's Medical Center in Dallas began her life of service. There she led educational seminars, started sponsorships, and chaired the first Sealy Society weekend in 1995.

Hall also advocated nursing, architectural design, rural medicine, health sciences, fine arts, higher education, sports, and urban forestry. Her generosity established multiple endowments and endowed chairs, funded scholarships, provided state-of-the-art medical equipment, and funded building and renovation projects throughout her West Texas community. Although a very private person, she touched the heart and soul of many Texans. Her philanthropy embraced medicine, nursing, health sciences, rural health care, rehabilitation, fine arts, higher education, research, architecture, interior design, sports, law, and urban forestry. In 2011, she established the FMH Foundation and served as President until her death in 2017. Her legacy of giving back to her beloved West Texas will be continued through the Foundation she created to "foster collaboration, innovation, creativity, excellence, synergy, and development".