

Loutita “TISH” DENISON EASON

Class of 1964

Very few people can match the standard of excellence in service to mankind established by this year’s Great Graduate from the Class of 1964.

The late Loutita “Tish” Denison Eason was a hometown girl who graduated at the top of her class. She later earned Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in Microbiology and in 1979, a Juris Doctorate, all from the University of Oklahoma. After college, she launched her career at the Oklahoma Department of Securities attaining the office of General Counsel.

Eason entered into private practice in 1983, specializing in securities and public trust law. She and Jack Lawrence served many years as General Counsel for the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency. Upon Lawrence’s retirement, she continued to serve in that capacity.

In 2002, Eason became the first female and first layperson to serve as Chancellor of the Catholic Archdiocese of Okla-

homa. She distinguished herself in that role until her retirement in July of 2017. She passed away the following year.

According to newspaper records, Eason was a member of many charitable organizations, including the Oklahoma City Orchestra League and the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem. She and her husband of 38 years, Douglas Eason, had two sons, Chris of Tulsa and Bryan of Tacoma, Washington. Other survivors include her daughter-in-law, Michelle, of Tulsa, two granddaughters and her sister, Brenda Wilson of Dallas.

Oklahoma Associate District Judge Mark Dobbins summarized the feelings of many who knew and were associated with Eason when he said he remembers her as intelligent, highly professional and “a loving and caring person who tirelessly sought to help others. Her inclusion as a Great Graduate is well deserved and an acknowledgement of a life well served.”

