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TRINITY -- Graveside services for Joan Coffman, 62, of Huntsville were held in the Floral Hills Memorial Gardens of Kansas City, Mo., at 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26.

Miss. Coffman died Tuesday, Oct. 23, in Houston.

After beginning teaching music at the age of 13 in Kansas City, Mo., Miss Coffman received a full music scholarship to the University of Houston in 1959.

Miss Coffman owned and operated the Coffman Conservatory of Music in Pasadena from 1959 through June of 1993. Her bands entered and won many competitions over the years, including the World Championship in 1976.

She recorded LP records with her championship band, which were sold throughout the United States. In 1971, her band was invited to the Texas House of Representatives in Austin and where they were presented with a special award for entertainment throughout Texas.

In 1970, one of the LP recordings was entered into the White House Record Library.

She implemented a band program in 1973 at private schools in Galveston, Houston Dioceses.

Although she retired in 1993, she was approached the following year by a private school in Huntsville and was asked to help start a band program. Since there, she has started private school band programs in both the Huntsville and Brenham areas.

She again retired in May 2001.

She attended the First United Methodist Church of Riverside.

Survivors include a brother, Joseph Waldo Coffman; and a number of aunts, cousins and special friends.

Waller-Thornton Funeral Home of Trinity directed the arrangements.