



Marian Jane Velasquez

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1/21/1943-1/14/2021

Marian (Jane) Velasquez, was born to Marian Graydon Schmidt and Marie Pauline (Polly) Thomason/Schmidt on 1/21/1943 in Memphis, TN, where she spent most of her life. She was married to Rev. Elbert (Bert) Schory on May 29th, 1962.

She was preceded in death by her father, Marian Graydon Schmidt (May 28th, 2002), her niece, Dawn Schmidt (2003), her nephew, Kent Schmidt (2003), her brother, James Edwin Schmidt (June 18th, 2005), her mother, "Polly" Schmidt (2007), and her son, Dale Allen Schory (2021). She is survived by her last remaining relative, her son, Rev. Glen Michael Schory, and his daughter, Gwendolyn Marie Schory.

Jane spent most of her adult working life in the insurance business. She enjoyed working, "personal lines," because that was where the "real" people needed help.

She dedicated all of her retirement years in service to her church, First Christian Church of Fairhope (Disciples of Christ). She served as a Sunday School teacher, Deacon, an Elder, outreach chair, and then as head Elder.

One of her ministry areas was ensuring that underprivileged young people could afford and finish their G.E.D.

Jane will be remembered for the way she could open scripture to people, that she cared for the marginalized, and how she fought tirelessly for the survival of the church. Jane was more than a mother, she mothered countless people, gave advice if needed, and always held her opinions to herself until they needed to be told.

She died well, looking straight at God as she held the hand of her son. She is, indeed, in paradise now!

1 Corinthians 15:51-53 (NIV)

“Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash,
in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet...”