



Mary J Preer

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Silverhill, AL

Janice' was born February 8, 1942 in Columbus, GA to Ed and Mary Wilkinson. She attended Columbus High.

She began her career in sales at W.T. Grant & Co. at age 16, and continued that occupation for life.

She worked in advertising at The Auburn Bulletin and the Opelika-Auburn News, becoming the Advertising Director of that newspaper under legendary publisher Millard Grimes. She also worked in television in the Auburn area, and in radio for Mel Tillis.

When the family relocated to Baldwin County, she went to work with King Arthur Clock Co. doing their national advertising.

Later, she obtained her real estate license and went to work with Barbara Manders, and later with Richard Stevens at Better Homes and Land.

Her hobbies and interests were widely diversified including ceramics, Buck dancing, and shooting her many Smith & Wesson pistols.

In her younger days, she loved racing her cars – most notably her '57 fuel injected Pontiac at the drag strip at Shawmut, AL, and later on road courses in her Austin-Healy "Bugeye" Sprite. She had applied for her international racing license, but became pregnant with her first child, Traci, effectively ending her

racine career.

She was very active in service to others for and through Fairhope Elks Lodge #1879, where she had the distinction of being their first female member. She worked for the Elks Drug Awareness program, being recognized for her dedication on the local, state, and national levels, the Scholarship, Dictionary, Youth Activities committees, and wherever else she was needed. She was named Fairhope's first female Elk of the Year twice, and the State of Alabama first female Elk of the Year. She was also a Past President of the Fairhope Emblem Club.

She loved her place on Lake Martin, swimming and diving at Chimney Rock. It is there that her ashes will be scattered.

Janice' is survived by her loving husband of 48 years, Tom Preer, daughters Traci Gordon (Tony), Marianne (Tootie) Byrd (Stephen), stepson, Thomas L. Preer, III, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

If you so desire, donations in Janice's name may be made to the Fairhope Elks Scholarship fund. P.O. Box 548 Fairhope, AL 36533

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“ *We are going to miss you Sweet Janice. Rest In Peace.* ”



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