



Joan "Aunt Jo" Margaret Blakely

September 5, 1929 - January 26, 2026

Joan Margaret Blakely, of Irving, Texas, passed away on January 26, 2026, at the age of 96.

Joan was born September 5, 1929, in Clear Lake, South Dakota, daughter of Wilfred E. Blakely and Mabel B. Anderson. As a young child, she moved with her family to California, living much of her life in Bakersfield. Following her graduation from high school, Joan was employed by A-C Electric for almost thirty years. In 1977, she moved to Irving, Texas, to live near her sister Donna Walker and her family.

Joan was a generous person, always looking to the needs of others and providing her support in many ways. She frequently blessed people with her charitable giving and graciously volunteered her time and talents in her community. Joan enjoyed reading, knitting, traveling, playing card games, and especially spending time with her family and friends. She was a loving family member and a loyal friend to many. Joan's Christian faith was evident through her compassionate care for others.

"Aunt Jo" is survived by her nieces and nephews who loved her dearly: Lynn Hays, Bob Hays, Barbara Devine and husband Berny, Nancy Gundlach, Jeff Walker and wife Laura, Laurie Gaines and husband Rick; and many great-

nieces and great-nephews and their children.

Joan's life will be celebrated by her family with inurnment at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving, Texas. Arrangements entrusted to Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home under the direction of Aaron King, Funeral Director.