



Mary Hickerson

August 13, 2022

Mary Jackson Hickerson of Grand Prairie, Texas, passed peacefully into the arms of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Saturday, August 13, 2022. She was surrounded by her family.

Mary was born in the Ohio Community of Hamilton County on July 4, 1928. Her parents Johnnie T. Jackson and Valeria Jackson welcomed her to the family, along with her older brother, Vernon Jackson. Her early days were spent helping her family on their farm, playing with her brother and attending Fairy School. She was delighted when she had two little sisters, Edna Louise Jackson and Gwendolyn Jean Jackson.

She was baptized at age 12 in a stock tank, as was the custom in her community.

Shortly after her high school graduation, she married Louis Able of the Fairy Community. Louis had returned from WW II after being held in the Bataan Concentration Camp for 42 months. Mary was a loving wife and did everything in her power to help Louis recover after his unspeakable experience. She became a young widow when Louis passed away in the early 1960's.

In 1971, Mary married Jim Hickerson. They worked and lived in Grand Prairie. After 32 years of service as an aerospace librarian, she retired and they made

a new home on Amon Carter Lake in Bowie, Texas where they lived a wonderful life. They were faithful members of the Carter Lake Road Church of Christ working hard in many aspects of ministry.

Mary and Jim loved to entertain their family and friends and their home was always filled with laughter, loads of people and lots of delicious food.

Following Jim's death, and the loss of her ability to drive due to her deteriorating eyesight, Mary returned to Grand Prairie to be closer to her family. She was an original owner in the Curtis Wright Village where she lived until she passed away. Mary lived her life through faith and with resilience.

At age 12 she suffered a ruptured appendix and was rushed to the local hospital which was some 11 miles away. She barely survived but was lovingly nursed back to health by her mother. In the 1960s she was diagnosed with breast cancer which was life threatening with little treatment available at that time. However, again, her faith and resilience sustained her and she made the long journey to recovery.

In the late 1980's, Mary, along with her siblings were traveling to Hico each weekend to relieve the caregivers who were tending their aging parents. On one cold weekend, Mary was traveling along a two lane highway at an estimated 60 miles per hour, when she fell asleep and hit a concrete embankment head on. Every bone in her beautiful face was broken, along with a broken leg, several ribs and she sustained severe internal trauma. Although she was care flighted to Fort Worth, the doctors did not expect her to survive, but she did. Again her faith and resilience sustained her and she began a long, long road to recovery.

In her later life people around her always commented on her warm smile and positive outlook. Few knew of her three near death experiences and she didn't

talk about it unless someone asked.

Last month, Mary celebrated her 94 th birthday with family and friends once again filling her home with love and laughter. Faithful to the end, she led the prayer for our food and praised God for all His goodness. She lived her life well, and remains in our hearts, a woman of great significance in our world.

Mary is survived by nieces Xanna Young (Dwayne), Jorja Clemson (Dan), Cynthia Smith (Hank), Vivian Vance (Herb Booth), nephews Jon Vance (Dean Weir), Tommy Seymour and Barry Seymour, stepson Jon Hickerson, stepdaughter Jo Ana Smith and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

Arrangements entrusted to Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home under the direction of Aaron King, Funeral Director.

Previous Events

Funeral

AUG **19**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
122 N. Church Street
Grand Prairie, TX 75050
(972) 264-6148
<http://www.fumcgp.org/>

Funeral Service

AUG **19**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

First United Methodist Church

Tribute Wall



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Hickerson.* ”



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