



Nan Alorah Bryan

October 10, 1935 - December 19, 2024

Nan Alorah Bryan (Newsome), 89, passed away peacefully on December 19, 2024, at Mayberry Gardens in Grand Prairie. She was born on October 10, 1935, in Columbus, Georgia, and grew up in Cataula, Georgia, with her parents, George and Marie Newsome and brother Ray.

Nan was an active young woman who did well in school and loved sports. She played on her high school basketball team and was involved in the drama club.

Her future husband—JC Bryan--was stationed at Fort Benning where they met at a USO dance. On May 18, 1954, they married and they moved her back his home state, Texas. Together, they created a loving home for their three sons—Alan, Ben, and Doug—raising them with patience and humor through all their adventures.

In the late 60s, Nan started her working career as a “Pink Lady” volunteer at Methodist

Hospital in Dallas. Using those contacts, she secured a job with the Methodist Hospital

Credit Union. In the late 70s she went to work for the AAFES Federal Credit Union

where she became vice president. She retired from AAFES FCU in 2000.

Nan enjoyed singing in the choir at First Presbyterian Church where she was a member

for 70 years. She also enjoyed connecting with friends through her bridge club, was an

avid reader and loved solving crossword puzzles. Even when her body was weak, she

was still mentally sharp when it came to solving crosswords. [IE: Recent crossword

clue: Theater box seat. Four letters. Answer: See below]

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, JC; her son, Ben; her

granddaughter, Jaci; and her daughter-in-law, Swannee.

Nan is survived by sons Alan and Doug (and wife, Sue); daughter-in-law Marsha

Edwards; grandchildren Cole Bryan (and wife, Aalee), McKenzie Love (and husband,

Conor), Sydney Bryan, grandson-in-law Matt Abbott; five great-grandchildren who

brought her much joy; brother, Ray Newsome (and wife, Jan); and several nieces and

nephews.

Nan's kindness and love touched many lives. She will be missed but

remembered
fondly by family and friends.

The family thanks her caregivers Kiesha and Emily and the staff at Mayberry Gardens for their exceptional care during Nan's final years.

A celebration of Nan's life will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Grand Prairie on Saturday, January 11 th at 1:30. Reception to follow in the fellowship hall. Instead of flowers, the family requests donations to either of the local charities that Nan supported:

Children First Counseling Center (Sammie Walker Endowment)
<https://www.childrenfirstinc.org/c/kbc/> or Grand Prairie United Charities <https://gpuc.org/donate>

[Crossword answer: Loge. She got it without hesitation.]

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 11. 1:30 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
310 SW 3rd Street
Grand Prairie, TX 75051

Tribute Wall



“ *Nan and her husband JC visited us in Austin many years back and reminded me that my dad let JC borrow his suit to get married! Nan was such a sweet lady and will be missed by so many*

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