



Janet Kay Hood

January 21, 1950 - December 2, 2018

Services to celebrate the life of Janet Kay Hood will be held on Friday, December 7, 2018 at 11:00 AM at Christian Center of Mesquite, 4401 E. Cartwright Road, Mesquite, TX 75181. The family will receive friends in Arkansas on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at Nelson-Berna Funeral Home 4520 N Crossover Road, Fayetteville, AR 72764 from 5-7 PM and in Texas on Friday December 7, 2018 at Christian Center of Mesquite from 10-11 AM. Janet went to be at home with her Lord on Sunday, December 2, 2018 at the age of 68.

Janet Hood, fondly called “GiGi” by her grandchildren, godchildren and many loved ones, was known by all for her hospitality, grace, and generosity. She thoroughly enjoyed hosting parties to celebrate people in her life, and was affectionately known for her flavored iced tea. Her steadfastness in work and saving was fueled by her passion to give. Many missionaries were supported by her generous gifts throughout her lifetime. Esteemed as a person of excellent character, numerous family members and friends were named after her, to honor her.

Janet was born in Dallas, Texas, the daughter of Lerton Clements Goodrich Jr. and Billie Pearl Morris Goodrich, on January 21, 1950. At an early age, she discovered her love for music and worshipping the Lord, as well as desire to work hard and be a giver.

Determined to learn how to play piano, she offered hours of babysitting to the local piano teacher in exchange for a lesson each week. For an entire year, she practiced on her “keyboard” that she made from cardboard. At the age of 14, she began working at the local department store where she diligently saved money to buy her younger brother and sister new bicycles for Christmas, and eventually, a used upright piano for her family home. She taught Sunday school, children’s church, and bible study groups of all ages throughout her lifetime. Her heart was especially tender towards individuals with special needs, and she dedicated many years teaching a Sunday school class for them at First Assembly of God in Mesquite. She pursued excellence in all things, always with the motivation to honor Christ—whether her school grades, her career, her family, or the way she carried herself. She had a deep love and desire to learn God’s Word. Her favorite scripture passage was Psalm 23, which she learned at age five. She enjoyed helping her grandchildren to memorize it as well, cultivating the same love in their hearts for the Lord.

Janet married the love of her life, Lyndon Allen Hood, on June 5, 1971, in Mesquite, Texas. Together they lived in Dallas, Mesquite, and Paris, Texas where they worked and raised their family. A stay-at-home mom for her first decade of motherhood, she began working in downtown Dallas during the middle 80s as a temporary secretary for Western/Sunbelt Savings and Loan. Quickly earning respect for her incredible work ethic, dedication and leadership skills, she was promoted numerous times throughout her career there and at Orix. She was retained and promoted through several company mergers and lay-offs, always glorifying God for His favor on her life. She retired from Bank of New York-Mellon (BNYM) as a Vice President in 2016. She ran the Commercial Escrow Department where she supervised the disbursement of tax and insurance payments on multiple billions of dollars of commercial real estate loans. She was deeply admired and respected by many co-workers.

Janet was always faithful to volunteer her time, especially at church. She served in various capacities as a member of New Life Church in Plano during the late 80's- early 90's and then as a member of Victory Life Church in Hugo, Oklahoma for nearly 20 years. After her husband went home to be with the Lord, Janet spent most of her time in Arkansas with her children and grandchildren. Even though she was fighting tremendous health issues, she pushed beyond her pain to make new friends, study God's word, and minister to her New Heights Church family of Fayetteville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her mother, her sister and brother-in-law Shirley and Tom McCurdy, and daughter-in-law Brandi Hood.

Janet is survived by her father, L.C. Goodrich of Talihina, OK; daughter and son-in-law, Leslie and George Shaw of Fayetteville, AR; son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Shanna Hood of Farmington, AR; grandchildren, Joshua and wife Tirzah Shaw of Philadelphia PA, KayLynne Shaw of Fayetteville, AR, USMC LCpl. Zachary Allen Hood and wife Isabella Hood of Oceanside, CA, USMA Cadet Private Samuel Shaw of West Point, NY, and Hannah Hood of Fayetteville, AR; brother Larry Goodrich of Talihina, OK, brother and sister-in-law Ricky and Bernetta Goodrich of Talihina, OK, sister and brother-in-law Denise and Tommy Little of Fort Worth, TX, and a host of family and friends.

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Comments



“ I worked with Janet for about 6 years in Dallas at Bank of NY Mellon, prior to her retirement. She was indeed a very special person. She saw the 'glass' 'half' full, which is oftentimes a rarity nowadays. She lived and exuded kindness and an uncanny level of personal concern for friend, family and strangers alike. She was infused with and a deep spiritual faith that certainly encouraged me to be a better person and rethink how I lived my own life. She saw worth and value in everyone and rarely had an unkind word. Her work ethic was extraordinary as was her sense of humor. Janet was extraordinarily positive even in the face of negativity and discord. She was an optimist as well as a realist. She always let you know how she felt and never spared words in telling you.

She lived her faith and was not given to hypocritical behavior or useless pettiness or holding a grudge or harboring resentment or anger. She was forgiving which is a struggle for many of us in our lives. I learned from experiencing the decency and humility she practiced. Rest in peace.

gary goodfriend - December 06 at 12:22 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Janet Kay Hood.



December 05 at 12:12 PM



“ The last time I visited Janet, I didn't stay long as she was very tired. She smiled her very sweet smile, as always, and I held her hand for a while. She delighted to show me her new family photo and point out each person by name. As I left her and was walking down the hall I could hear her praises ringing out, "Thank you Jesus", "Praise you Jesus" echoing from this side of heaven to the other side. It has been an extreme honor to have been blessed by knowing her, for which I say, "Thank you Jesus", Praise you Jesus!"

Anita Blanton - December 05 at 07:41 AM