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Janie Belle Johnson Sides Gardner was born on December 30, 1952 at St. David's Hospital, Austin, Texas. She was preceded in death by her parents Douglas Roger Johnson, Jr. and Betty Jane Loos Johnson. She is survived by her husband, Colin Gardner with their beloved Yorkshire Terrier, Sparky. Her brother Steven Douglas Johnson and his wife Elise Stone Johnson of San Antonio. Her niece Kathryn Johnson Robinson, husband Bill Robinson, and nephew, Steven Douglas Johnson, Jr. of Houston. Great nieces and nephews include Liam and Nora Robinson.

Janie graduated from Winston Churchill High School in San Antonio where she was Commander of the Drill Team and involved in many other student activities. She attended the University of Texas and graduated from Trinity University in San Antonio with a degree in Sociology. Janie married Colin Gardner, a retired Aer Lingus Captain, in South Africa in 2002. They made their home in The Hills Lakeway, Texas.

Janie danced across the stages of life and loved every minute of it. — with grace, kindness, laughter, many good friends and many good times. Even

during the bad times she was able to keep her sense of humor. For years, she had always said her "mantra" was a Bobby Jones quote that said " Play the ball as it lies."

During her lifetime, Janie had many interesting careers:

- Worked for many years for a member of the Royal Family of Saudi Arabia.
- Appointed Chief of Protocol 1989 for the United States Department of Commerce in Washington, D. C. under Secretary Robert Mosbacher Bush `41 administration
- Served as Secretary and Officer of the Board of La Prairie in New York. She handled Public Relations for the cosmetic company as well as traveled extensively with the owner, Mrs. Georgette Mosbacher.
- Served as Executive Assistant to the Founder, Chairman and CEO of Capital Publishing in New York in 1992.
- Executive Vice President for Worldwide Operations for the TOVA Corporation. She traveled extensively with the owner, Tova Borgnine, wife of Ernest Borgnine, Academy Award winner and Hollywood legend until the company was sold in 2002.
- In her last position, served as assistant to the Director of the Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library and Museum.

As an aside, Janie did mention that somehow, no matter where, no matter when, she ended up working for a red headed woman who also just happened to be a Capricorn. This list would include Mary Evins, Georgette Mosbacher, The Duchess of York, and Tova Borgnine.

In lieu of flowers, donations are we requested to be made to your local ASPCA.

At Janie's request, a private service will be held for family members.

My Honorary Pallbearers:

Randall Denman

Lenny Gieonni

Oscar Hahn

David A. Brown

Simon Wijker

Richard Vincent

W. Randall Jones

Sheikh Mohammad H. Al-Mojil

Fred Nelson

Tom Smedes

Bill Tansey

Rhett Johnson

Jeremy Morford

Neil Papiano

Tom Whitney

Bobby Hasslocher

Dr. Phillip Leggett

John Wheeler

Don Warner

Mike Talley

Jim Deichert

Jose Feliciano

Russell Ferrier

Michael Westmore