



Joanne Beth Skinner

July 1, 1928 - July 3, 2022

After a prolonged battle with heart disease and pneumonia, Joanne Beth Huedepohl Skinner passed away on July 3 in a very peaceful and easy manner. Even in her final moments, she still brought joy and assuredness to her family, friends, and caregivers. She is survived by her 2 sons, Michael and Patrick.

Joanne was a lifelong resident of San Antonio and was born July 1, 1928, to Frank and Lillian Huedepohl. She was a graduate of Brackenridge High School and went on to attend University of Texas where she met and married George Skinner. She proceeded to graduate from Trinity University with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication. She used her degree to become an amazing teacher for over 30 years in the Harlandale and Northside School Districts and taught many Sunday School classes as a patron member of St. Mark's Methodist Church.

After her retirement she became a receptionist, Stephen Minister hospital visitor, and wedding coordinator at University United Methodist Church. She also spent much of her spare time as a Lifetime Member of the Blue Bird Auxiliary at the Methodist Hospital.

To those that knew her for any length of time, you immediately knew that there could be angels on Earth. Jo never hesitated to impart love and kindness to everyone that she encountered daily. She exuded the Holy Spirit through an encouraging word, or a welcome ear and her smile and giggle stayed with you throughout the whole day.

In one of her last comments on this Earth, Jo's life philosophy became clear and apparent as she gathered enough breath to almost shout, "Life is so fragile but so wonderful! Soak in every moment and know it is all for something. Handle it with prayer! Oh, so very wonderful!"

A Memorial service will be held Monday, July 11, 2022, 10:30 a.m. at University United Methodist Church, 5084 De Zavala Rd, San Antonio, TX 78249. The service will be also livestreamed at universitysatx.org.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 11. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

University United Methodist Church
5084 DeZavala Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78249

Tribute Wall

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“ Jo Skinner was truly a gift to this world. She told it like it was and it usually was full of positive ,loving and encouraging messages to get you through the day no matter what was going on in your life. She truly epitomized the saying “ It is not how tall you are but how high you aim that matters “. She walked and talked with the light of the Holy Spirit in her. I worked with Jo at Lock Hill Elementary. She was a great 4th grade teacher. She was loved by her students and entire staff. She nurtured all of us with her kind words. Emmie Lu and I were privileged to visit her in her home about four months ago. She scrambled to make everything just so comfortable for us even getting her neighbor to take her to the local bakery for refreshments. Life was never about her it was always about others. Jo you will be missed but Peter didn't come to the pearly gates to greet you it was Jesus himself you were truly his faithful servant. Love you Maggie Brehm Gawelko

Maggie Gawelko - July 11, 2022 at 08:24 PM

JP

“ Sincere condolences to the Skinner family, Jo Skinner was such a sweet lady. My mom, Bonnie Purnell taught with her at then Shenandoah Elementary, I remember her as a student and we saw her when we were members of UUMC. She had such an infectious twinkle in her eyes and always was so kind. Julie Purnell

Julie Purnell - July 11, 2022 at 03:12 PM

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Jo taught my daughters many years ago at Shenandoah Elementary School. She was most beloved by them and by husband and me. Her wonderful smile and personality will always be with me. Rest In Peace Jo.

shirley Lerner - August 31, 2022 at 11:34 AM

LP

“ Can someone touch your life in a special way by just a friendly greeting on Sundays? Joanne could and did. She made us feel special and appreciated and we are now inspired to do likewise. Jesus' kind of love is contagious. Your family has been in our prayers. Lisa and Danny Pasquier

lisa pasquier - July 07, 2022 at 01:12 PM