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After more than a century on this earth, Virginia Jo Belknap Hans, a long-time resident of San Antonio, went to her heavenly home on April 9, just 12 days short of her 101st birthday. She passed away peacefully at a nursing home in Kerrville, where she had moved in 2017 to be near family.

The fifth of six children, Jo was born on April 21, 1921, to Simruda Lauderdale Belknap and John Joseph Belknap in Ranger, Texas, and spent her earliest years in the small community of Tiffin. When she was 10, the family moved “to town” and she graduated in 1939 from Ranger High School, where she participated in debate, chorus and volleyball.

A 1940 graduate of Johnson Beauty College, she made the permanent move from her hometown to San Antonio in 1941 to work at Franklin’s Beauty Salon. The next year, she joined the war effort at Kelly Field as a Texas version of Rosie the Riveter, repairing airplanes and getting them battle-ready. When World War II ended, Jo returned to her career as a hairdresser at Highland Park Beauty Salon, where she would meet her future husband, O.J. Hans, a beauty supply salesman.

They were married in 1950, and after O.J. died suddenly in 1959, she operated her own business, the Fair Lady Beauty Salon, which she sold after five years so she could “work less and travel more.” Her many adventures would take her to Canada, Mexico, throughout Europe and the Caribbean and to all 50 states. Some of those trips were made in her own motor home.

Besides traveling, Jo’s other passions were her church, sorority and volunteering in the community. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in San Antonio for more than 50 years, a long-time member of Beta Sigma Phi and founding member of its Epsilon Pi Master chapter, and a dedicated volunteer with the Visting Nurses Association and Friends of Hospice.

Jo was preceded in death by her husband O.J. Hans; parents John and Ruda Belknap; sisters Lorene Akers, Veda Mae Parrack (AG) and Norma Jean Jetton (Kenneth); brothers Melvin Belknap (Lora) and J.T. Belknap (Inez); niece Letha Jo Mills (Charles) and nephews Bill Akers, Melvin ‘Lanny’ Belknap, Jerry Belknap and Harold Rash.

She is survived by her sister Delpha Lauderdale Potter (Bill); nieces Susie Parrack Brugger (Jim), Jean Belknap, Candy Huff Wilcox (Ronnie), Valerie Huff Farwell (John), Virginia Belknap Cowley, Janice Belknap Odom (Jim), Judy Belknap Parker (Michael), Debra Rash Norda (Brent) and Sandra Jetton Fullerton (Thurman); nephews Jim Belknap, Charles Parrack (Susie), Terry Rash (Sharon), Gary Rash and Leslie Huff; and numerous great and great great nephews and nieces, as well as special cousins Claudia Wiesepape, Stephen O’Neill and Weldon O’Neill and friends Dennis Wall and Jane and Donald Strawser.

Visitation will begin on Thursday, April 14, 2022, at 1 p.m. with the funeral service to begin at 2 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, 1700 S.E. Military Drive, San Antonio. Interment will follow at Mission Burial Park South.

In lieu of flowers, the family asked that donations be made in Jo's name to the First Baptist Church, 515 McCullough Ave., San Antonio, TX 78215; Friends of Hospice, P.O. Box 40487, San Antonio, TX 78229-1487; or a charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 14. 1:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
1700 SE Military Dr
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Funeral Service

APR 14. 2:00 PM (CT)

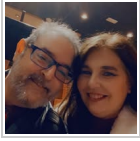
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Interment

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Tribute Wall



“ *D'anne Schroyer lit a candle in memory of Virginia Jo Hans*



D'anne Schroyer - April 14, 2022 at 09:43 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Virginia Jo Hans.*



April 13, 2022 at 04:06 PM



“ *I do miss my fun visits with mom and Aunt Jo. They always kept me laughing with their antics. Their travel adventures together along with Ken Jetton were great stories to tell all of us. Aunt Jo, you were truly loved and will be sorely missed. Love always. Deb*

Debra Noorda - April 12, 2022 at 04:29 PM

DJ

“ We met and worshiped with Jo as co members of the First Baptist Church of San Antonio. Also, we were privileged to attend her 90th birthday celebration in Unity Hall there. Jo was a wonderful Christian lady who often regaled us with snippets of her Christian life of loving and serving her country and the Lord Jesus Christ. Her infectious smile and sense of humor accentuated a personality that made us all "feel good". She made the world a better place. Goodbye, Jo, until we meet you again. May God comfort your family. Jan and Dale Johnson and daughter Melissa Cox.

Dale and Jan Johnson - April 12, 2022 at 01:59 PM

DS

“ I met Jo in 1990. She was the neighbor across the street from my friend, Mary Simko. Jo was always so interesting and fun. We ate Olive Garden many times and her order never varied - she had eggplant parmigiana. She was a painter; regular attendee @ First Baptist Church (I went with her several times) also the Thanksgiving bazaar. I went to her estate sale when she left her house; therefore, I have some of her furniture in my house and a painting on my wall. I followed her to where she lived in Fredericksburg RD, then I became overwhelmed with Mary's care (she passed in April 2028 @ 96) and my significant other's loss of his leg in June 2018. I did not know Jo moved to Kerrville. Strange incident happened 1st week of April when my friend and I went to Longhorn Restaurant on NE 410. I was talking to a couple and she mentioned she went to First Baptist and I talked about Jo and she talked about her aunt attending about 50 years. I never realized I would see Jo's name on Mission Park listing. God bless Jo and may she RIP. It was an honor to have known Jo and be friends with her.

Delmaretta A. Stipp - April 12, 2022 at 03:22 AM

DS

Several typos in my memories - Jo didn't live in Fredericksburg Rd; rather she lived on. Next Mary passed in April 2018, not 2028.

Delmaretta A. Stipp - April 12, 2022 at 03:25 AM