



Jayne S. Benavides

August 25, 1942 - February 16, 2022

Jayne Santos Benavides went to her heavenly home on February 16, 2022. Awaiting her were her parents, Cipriana Villareal Santos and Jesus Santos, Sr., her sisters Christine Santos Benavides, Christine Santos, and Consuelo (Connie) Santos along with her two brothers, Antonio (Tony) Santos and Jesus (Jesse) Santos, Jr. She joined her ex-husband, Fidel Thomas Benavides, Jr., her grandparents, many cousins, nephews Matthew Santos and Danny Santos, and many friends.

Jayne was born on August 25, 1942, and was known for her beautiful green eyes and fair skin. She was timeless and her outward appearance was a reflection of her inner beauty. She was an accomplished student who excelled in History, English, and Homemaking Class where she learned to be an excellent cook and homemaker. In High School, she met her future husband Fidel T. Benavides, Jr. whom she married on December 2, 1961. She and Fidel are survived by three children, Cathlene Benavides Sproles (Kenneth), Laura Benavides Ritchie (James), and David Benavides (Spring). In addition to their children, they had four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren: Joshua Benavides (Meagan) and their children Madison, Olivia and Tucker, Zachary Patterson P.A., Chelsea Sproles Smith (Ben), and Michelle Patterson.

Jayne's loves were her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and all her nieces and nephews for whom she prayed daily. She expressed her love for her family by preparing wonderful meals at large family gatherings. Jayne was an excellent cook, hostess, and caregiver. She was known for her homemade pecan pies, pralines, chicken pot pie, lamb chops, and her famous Thanksgiving dressing. Those who enjoyed her cooking often commented that they could taste the love she put into everything she prepared. Within the past ten years, Jayne began writing a series of poems about her love of Jesus and her grandchildren whom she called her "grand-sugars". Besides cooking for her family, she enjoyed reading her Bible, sewing, history, fine art, opera, and drawing.

Between 1982 - 1986, Jayne was a Board Member of United Cerebral Palsy in Charlotte, NC, where she helped to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars at their yearly Fantasy Auction. She gave much of her time to helping special needs children and the poor. She attended Christ Fellowship Church in McKinney, Texas where she was a member of Faithful

Friends prayer group and was a longtime member of Liberty Bunko Group in Melissa, Texas. Jayne will be deeply missed by all those who knew her.

The family would like to thank Candace from Medical City McKinney Hospital Palliative Care, her doctors and nurses for their support during her transition, and all the family and friends who have reached out with condolences and prayers. A Celebration of Life to honor Jayne will be held at a later date once it is safe to do so.

Memorials

I knew Jayne well during the years she lived in Charlotte and volunteered at the United Cerebral Palsy Center. She loved the children and was so generous and kind to them and to the staff as well. Jayne was a unique soul!

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