



Mary Ann Beard

July 30, 1947 - February 11, 2021

Mary Ann (Jackson) Beard of McKinney, Texas passed away on February 11, 2021 at the age of 73, and we rejoice as she joins her husband, Roger of 45 years in heaven. Mary Ann was born in Durant, Oklahoma on July 30, 1947 to James Jackson and Louise (Marshall) Jackson. Mary Ann met the love of her life Roger in Dallas at The Village in the early 1970s, and they married on June 14, 1975 at the Perkins Chapel at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

Mary Ann grew up on a dairy farm in Hendrix, Oklahoma and attended Southeastern Oklahoma State University where she received her bachelor's degree in elementary education. She also received her master's degree in education from The University of North Texas. Mary Ann began her teaching career in Richardson where she taught at Wallace Elementary in Lake Highlands for eight years before staying home for a brief while to raise her three children and help husband Roger with his business. She later went back to teaching in Plano at Aldridge Elementary in 1999 where she taught until her retirement in 2013. Mary Ann was an avid reader and sewing aficionado. She loved to craft home interior décor, as well as blankets and clothes for special occasions like babies, weddings and other major holidays. Mary Ann was beloved by her husband and children who counted her a best friend, personal cheerleader and eternal optimist.

Mary Ann is survived by her children, Christi Beard of Dallas, Texas, Erin Beard of McKinney, Texas and James Beard of McKinney, Texas; grandchild, Ethan Beard of McKinney, Texas; sister, Betty Jackson Milburn and husband, John of Granbury; nieces, Tami Milburn Durham and husband, Chad and children, LillyAnne and Clay of Austin, as well as Blaire Milburn Bendian and husband, Nick and children, Luke and Jane of Ft. Worth; and aunt, Ruth Jackson Lyles.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roger and parents, James and Louise Jackson, as well as her best friend of 50+ years, Virginia (Ginger) Epperson.

A memorial service to celebrate Mary Ann's life will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, February 20, 2021 at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home Chapel, 2525 Central Expressway North, Allen, Texas. In support of our local, state, and federal government, including CDC directives and to protect the physical health, safety and well-being of our community, only a limited number of guests (100) will be allowed to attend the memorial service in the chapel, and masks will be

required.

When the maximum number of guests are reached, those who would like to honor Mary Ann and show their support to her family may remain at the funeral home in your vehicle, where you can watch the live streamed service on your personal device (laptop, tablet or smartphone).

For those unable to travel or wanting to isolate due to COVID, the service will also be live streamed at TJMfuneral.com on Mary Ann's obituary page by clicking on the following link: <https://celebrationoflife.tv/blog/mary-ann-beard>. After the service, the recorded live stream will be available for viewing at the same link location.

If anyone would like to make donation in memory of Mary Ann, please consider [The Salvation Army](#) or the [American Cancer Society](#).

Memorials

Dave, So sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. My deepest condolences at this difficult time. Jim

JAMES SANDEEN, FEBRUARY 21, 2021

The service for Mary Ann was beautiful. My thoughts and prayers are for the dear family as they mourn the loss of one so special. I was so blessed to know Mary Ann and count her as a friend and mentor. Like everyone that knew her, I will miss her. God bless her memory, family and friends. Heaven gained a wonderful lady!

GENA GARRISON, FEBRUARY 20, 2021

Christi and Family, we are so sorry for the loss of your mom. Hearing about her life in your beautiful remarks today, Christi, it's so clear the impact she had on so many. We couldn't help but think she was watching down on you during your speech saying, "I couldn't have custom ordered a better daughter, too." Our thoughts are with you. Love, -The Beringers

JEFF AND JAIME BERINGER, FEBRUARY 20, 2021

I will always remember your mom. She was so sweet any time I saw her, and I know what an incredible support system she has always been for you. I'm so sorry that she is gone from this life too soon. I hope you always feel her with you. Love, Brendy

BRENDY, FEBRUARY 20, 2021

Dear Christi, Erin and James, We have such warm and wonderful memories of

Mary Ann. What a beautiful match she and Roger made. One couldn't think of one without the other, and now they remain together. Although we grieve her untimely death, we give thanks for the years and years of joy she brought to her family, friends, and yes, her students. She will long be remembered for her strong and gentle spirit. May the love of friends bring you comfort, and the love of God grant you peace. Love, Lyle and Jeanie Eidsness

LYLE AND JEANIE EIDSNESS, FEBRUARY 12, 2021

Prayers to Mary Ann's family as well Betty and family Grew up with Mary Ann Sewed lots crafts together. Had joy of being with her family - going school and church together. God got a very special person?? My sister, Linda, and I shared so many precious memories growing up with Mary Ann and Betty.

JANICE LEWALLEN STONE, FEBRUARY 12, 2021

I met Mary Ann as a member of Alpha Delta Kappa. She had the warmest smile and the best laugh! She was always quick to ask about my girls when we would have meetings. Prayers of comfort for all that loved and knew her.

SUZANNE WILSON, FEBRUARY 12, 2021

You were a kind and caring friend whose friendship will always be part of my heart. Nancy Sowards

JIM AND NANCY SOWARDS, FEBRUARY 12, 2021

So very sorry to hear of Mary Ann's passing. She was a beautiful person, inside and out. We grew up on the same dirt road and rode the school bus together for many years. Condolences to Mary Ann's family and to Betty Jane. Ron Harwood

RON HARWOOD, FEBRUARY 12, 2021

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