



Jeannie Hibbs

February 21, 1938 - January 8, 2022

Eugenia Ann (Stroud) Hibbs, 83, passed away in her home Saturday, January 8, 2022, of natural causes. “Jeannie” was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend who was funny, smart, sassy, generous, and supportive. She was a true “Renaissance Woman” who helped make the world more beautiful. Survivors include son Billy E. Hibbs, Jr., daughter-in-law Tisa Weiss Hibbs, grandson Stratton Weiss Hibbs, granddaughter London Elizabeth Hibbs, brother Michael Glenn Stroud, and nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Jeannie was born February 21, 1938, in Bonham, Texas, to Alvis Eugene and DeDee Hill Stroud. She was raised in Mineola, Texas, the daughter of a Texas & Pacific Railroad engineer and a homemaker. Baptized in the Church of Christ, she was a 1956 graduate of Mineola High School. She met Billy Hibbs, the love of her life, at a football game, and they became lifelong sweethearts. Shortly after Billy’s Quitman High School graduation, they married on June 2, 1957, and were blessed with their only child 9.5 months later. They were happily married for 48 years before Billy succumbed to early onset Alzheimer’s in 2005.

In her early years, Jeannie enjoyed a successful career as a model and actress. She also helped Billy establish and grow a local insurance agency into one of the largest organizations of its kind in the nation. Beginning with Hibbs-Hallmark & Company in the 1960’s, the firm expanded to include 7 different insurance and risk management businesses now known collectively as Heartland Security Insurance Group. She was also active in the family real estate business, Hibbs Financial Center. In the late 1970s, Jeannie co-founded “The Willows” art gallery. Her knowledge and love of art played an important role at Heartland Security Insurance Group, and over the course of two decades, she selected over 400 pieces of “Early Texas Art” to beautify the various Heartland offices. Jeannie strongly believed that art and furnishings would have a positive impact on the morale and attitude of everyone in the office. Landscaping was her next focus as she designed a sculpture garden at Heartland’s headquarters in Tyler. For over 15 years Jeannie served as Heartland’s Honorary Board Chair and loved all of the fine people associated with the family business. As President of the Hibbs Family Foundation

since its inception, she oversaw contributions to local and global Christian missions, not-for-profit organizations, education, and the arts.

She was active in the Tyler Rose Festival, Sister Cities, Women's Symphony League, Katherine Speas Junior Garden Club, American Contract Bridge League, Tyler Duplicate Bridge Club, CASETA (Center for the Advancement and Study of Early Texas Art) and the Tyler Civic Theatre where she appeared in many plays over the years. The Boy Scouts of America awarded her the "Distinguished Citizen Good Turn Award" in 2013. She was also instrumental in founding the Hibbs Institute of Business and Economic Research at the University of Texas at Tyler. Jeannie and Billy were active members of Marvin United Methodist Church since 1982, and members of the Pairs and Parents Sunday School Class.

Jeannie was lovingly cared for in her home by her family and trusted caregivers Brenda, Anel, Elizabeth, LaSonya, and Jacinta. A Celebration of Life will be held at Marvin United Methodist Church on Friday, January 14, at 3:00PM in the main sanctuary under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Honorary pallbearers will be the Directors of Heartland Security Insurance Group. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Marvin United Methodist Church Music Ministry, Marvin Eternal Flame Fund, Marvin UMC Foundation, or the charity of your choice. Livestream the service at: marvinumc.com/ministries/memorial-service.

To view the service please click the link below:

<https://youtu.be/Q2H2QUxqdl0>

Events

JAN **Celebration of Life** 03:00PM
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Marvin United Methodist Church Sanctuary
300 W Erwin St, Tyler, TX, US, 75702

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Stewart Family Funeral Home - January 14 at 12:42 PM



“ God is good, all the time. This we know. May His Love lift you up today and lighten your heart to allow you to focus on all the wonderful beautiful memories of your dear Mother. She was a very beautiful lady. Although I never had the opportunity to meet her personally, I'm certain she was just as beautiful on the inside as she was on the outside. May your heart be filled with love and compassion as you share memories with loved ones. And may God bless you and your family and give you the strength to understand and accept His plan for your dear sweet mother. Many blessings.

Ramona Laymance

Ramona Laymance - January 14 at 04:20 PM



“ It was my pleasure meeting Jeannie & Billy Hibbs in 1981 when I moved to Tyler. Billy and I were associated with one-another in the insurance business and I met Jeannie when we were both involved with the Tyler Civic Theater.

Jeannie and I did several plays together at one capacity or another while with the Tyler Civic Theater and it was always a joy working with such a wonderful lady.

My sincerest condolences to the Hibbs family for their loss.

Most Respectfully,

Bob Russell

Robert Russell - January 20 at 05:29 PM



“ Holley Howard lit a candle in memory of Jeannie Hibbs



Holley Howard - January 14 at 10:43 PM



“ I had the privilege of meeting Mrs. Hibbs at the El Paso office, she was a warm, lively, funny and beautiful person. We enjoyed visiting with her and I appreciate that she brought artwork from her collection for us to enjoy while working in the office. Her celebration of life was a lovely tribute to a remarkable woman. My deepest sympathy and condolences.

Sandra Chavez

Sandra Chavez - January 14 at 06:27 PM



“ She was a wonderful woman, As an employee of HHC for many years we were blessed to know her. Loved her family stories and miss the birthday celebrations to the country club. She took us, made us feel so special and we enjoyed having her to ourselves. It was treat when she came into the office.
Love to you Billy, Tisa, Stratton, and London

Margaret Waller

Margaret Waller - January 14 at 05:23 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. May God bring you peace and resignation to you and your family.

Maria Salas
CAS El Paso Office



Maria Salas - January 14 at 03:02 PM



“ We played lots of tennis together and then in later years we played golf. Traveled together to fun places always a joy to be around. No nonsense person but with a big heart. Loved her



Jan Norton - January 14 at 02:55 PM



“ Billy and Family, my thoughts and prayers are with you today as you celebrate your mother's remarkable life. Every day, I pass the beautiful works of art decorating the halls of the Heartland office and can't help but think of the care and devotion she took to bring joy to others through her passions. My heart goes out to you.



Samuel Marshall - January 14 at 11:28 AM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss. What a beautiful woman she is and to hear stories of her, you knew she was a genuine soul. My condolences and prayers are with you all during this time.



Melody Ellis - January 14 at 08:07 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeannie Hibbs.



January 13 at 08:37 PM



“ Ann Barron lit a candle in memory of Jeannie Hibbs



Ann Barron - January 13 at 02:46 PM



“ Mrs. Hibbs was a beautiful lady - so sassy and so much fun to be around. I only knew a few of the amazing things she accomplished in her life but even that was enough to make me realize she was special. I am so sorry for your family's loss. I hope God's promises and your special memories bring you comfort during this difficult time.

Melinda Morris - January 13 at 01:54 PM



“ Billy and Family, I am sorry to hear of your mother's passing. My prayer for each of you is that God lift you up during this difficult time. May each of you find peace and the healing of your broken hearts with the memories that she created with you. She created and left you with such a beautiful legacy.

Amie Castle - January 13 at 01:29 PM



“ Karsyn LaFitte lit a candle in memory of Jeannie Hibbs



Karsyn LaFitte - January 13 at 12:05 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeannie Hibbs.



January 13 at 11:40 AM



“ Great picture & looks just like her. Always charming & friendly & a wonderful hostess at her home. Will miss her! Dave & Carolyn Halbrooks Bain

Carolyn Bain - January 13 at 10:36 AM



“ Billy:

So sorry to learn of your mother's passing. She was clearly a great lady who fit snugly into your longstanding family tradition of community service. Reading about her provided a lot of information I never knew, but in which I know you can take great pride.

Peace and blessings to all.

John Sims - January 12 at 06:57 PM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Jeannie Hibbs.



January 11 at 03:21 PM



“ Kelley Uzzell lit a candle in memory of Jeannie Hibbs



Kelley Uzzell - January 10 at 09:58 PM