



Jane Ann Tolleson Gibson

April 14, 1940 - May 30, 2024

Jane Ann Tolleson Gibson went to be with our Lord and Savior on Thursday, May 30th. She died peacefully, surrounded by her loving family. Jane was born April 14, 1940, in Kilgore, Texas to Jane and Buck Tolleson. She attended Kilgore High School and Texas Tech University, where she was a proud member of the Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority. She then attended Stephen F. Austin University where she received her BS and MA in Education.

Jane began her teaching career in Port Arthur, TX in 1963. In 1966, she moved back to her native East Texas to settle in Longview where she taught third grade at Pine Tree ISD for another twenty-two years. She found much joy in teaching children and was named in *Who's Who in Education* and received the PTA Honorary Life Membership. After retirement, Jane volunteered for the Literary Council and found fulfillment in teaching adults to read.

In 1977 Jane met and married the love of her life, Tom. She and Tom had a beautiful relationship, full of love and laughter. Together, they loved to travel and restore homes. They made every day an adventure, both in their travels and in their warm and welcoming home. Out of all of their destinations, their favorite place to visit and most cherished memories were those made in Pagosa Springs, Colorado with precious family and friends.

Jane had many hobbies and interests. She was a wonderful cook and loved hosting family and friends. She loved decorating, creating, and gardening and always had a project in the works. Jane also enjoyed Mahjong, needlework, and crossword puzzles. She and Tom rescued and cherished four King Charles Cavalier Spaniels throughout the years, and she loved them deeply.

Jane was a long-time member of the First Presbyterian Church in Longview. She served as an Elder, a Moderator of the Women's Association, taught Sunday School, served on numerous committees, and received the Honorary Life Membership of the Presbyterian Church.

In 2011 Jane and Tom moved to Tyler where they joined the Tyler Orthodox Presbyterian Church. She was a dedicated volunteer for the Bethesda Health Clinic and the Tyler Connection.

Jane is preceded in death by her parents and her son, Matt Gibson. She will be missed by her beloved husband Tom of 47 years, son Jay Albrecht (Sarah), daughter Lori Gibson Robinson; granddaughter Emily Albrecht Thomas, grandson Jake Albrecht (Amber) and granddaughter Madison Ann Robinson; great-grandchildren Will, Lilly, Micah, Gentry, and Tieghan.

No services are planned at this time but will be held at a future date. Donations in honor of Jane's memory may be made to Bethesda Health Clinic in Tyler, TX, 409 W. Ferguson St., Tyler, TX 75702 (www.bethesdaclinic.org).

Tribute Wall

SR

“ Jane Ann was one of my first friends when I moved to Kilgore from Louisiana in the eighth grade. A pretty, tall, spectacularly brown-eyed girl, she became my stalwart support as I navigated a new town, new friends, and Texas in general. She and Joan Still and I were a fabulous trio (or at least I think so!), growing up through KHS, finding boys tall enough to date, spending sleep-over nights in Jane Ann's very own upstairs bedroom (I had always had to share one with my sister), learning to drive, going to football games, dancing at proms, driving to Galveston in Latane's red and white convertible, and sharing too many heart-to-heart talks to remember!

We headed different directions after high school, but amazingly had similar careers as teachers, she in elementary education and I as a high school teacher. In and out of touch for many of our adult years, we finally sat face to face after we had both retired... and the years flew away... I would have known her anywhere: beautiful brown eyes, soft East Texas drawl, sweet yet as intriguing to me as when we were fourteen. She will always remain a part of who I was and who I came to be.

Susan (Austin) Robinson - June 13, 2024 at 04:06 PM

MK

“ I'm Mike Kerr from Kilgore. I lost track of Jane Ann many years ago and just happened to see this obituary. I'm so sorry it was after her death and I did not maintain communication through the years. Her parents, Jane and Buck, were close friends of my parents, Don and Clarice Kerr in Kilgore. I always thought the "world" of Jane Ann, her personality, laugh and the family friendships through our parents. I know she will be missed and my love and very best to Tom and all other family. What a great person she was. Mike

Mike Kerr - June 03, 2024 at 12:03 AM

SM

“ Jane was a beautiful woman inside and out. She was a joy to visit and play mahjong with our group of friends. She actually refreshed and taught Mahjong so we could all play and become best friends.

Jane and Tom loved having friends over for games and dinner. She was a good Christian woman, mother, and loved her grandchildren. She will be dearly missed.

I pray she is walking with the Lord in heaven and has left. May her family find peace in all the great memories she has left behind.

Deepest Sympathy
Love Sheryl Miller



Sheryl Miller - June 02, 2024 at 03:07 PM