



Jill King Ramey

March 19, 1931 - April 26, 2024

Jill King Ramey peacefully entered into the eternal glory of Jesus on April 26, 2024, surrounded by her family.

Jill was born on March 19, 1931, in Atlanta, Texas and was the daughter of Henry Robertson King and Felice Martin King. In 1940, the family moved to Tyler. She attended Gary Elementary, Hogg Junior High, and Tyler High School from which she graduated in 1948.

As an 11 year old girl, while she was drying dishes on a sunny Sunday afternoon, she remembered hearing the radio broadcast of Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor. World War 2 made a profound lifelong impact on her. Life revolved around buying U.S. Savings Bonds to help the war effort, rolling bandages for the Red Cross at The Women's Building on Broadway, and attending Saturday movies at the Tyler theater where entrance required items that would help the war effort. Life was enriched by visiting children of the soldiers who were stationed at Camp Fannin plus doing anything to support the war effort as her brother, Jack, was stationed in the South Pacific.

Jill attended Hockaday Junior College in Dallas and the University of Texas at Austin where she was a proud member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

In 1951, she married the love of her life, Thomas Boyd Ramey, Jr. They were

married for 63 years. Their children are Thomas Boyd Ramey, III, Henry King Ramey, and Claire Ramey Turner. Their spouses are Gina Ramey, Lynn Ramey, and Terry Turner. She greatly loved them all. Her grandchildren are Grace Ramey Cryer, Laura Ramey Fine, Archer King Ramey, and Joy Ramey Mace. Her great-grandchildren are Cordelia Louise Cryer, Charles Townsend Cryer, and Florence Ramey Fine, and great nephew Hartley Flath.

Mrs. Ramey was Queen of The Texas Rose Festival in 1950 and for over 50 years she passionately entertained and informed people with the origins and history of the Texas Rose Festival with the goal to promote the city she so deeply loved, Tyler. She loved to say, "Roses have been good to Tyler and Tyler has been good for roses."

She was a founding member of The Tyler Rose Museum, President of the Junior League of Tyler and the Tyler Junior Garden Club.

In the late 1950s, she had a life changing encounter with the risen Jesus that forever changed her life. From this moment, her great life passion was communicating the love and grace and hope of Jesus to others. For decades, she enthusiastically taught the high school senior class at Marvin Methodist Church. A class with only a handful of members exploded in size as she poured out her life creatively communicating the incalculable truths of God's Word. The popularity of this class soon included scores of high school kids coming to her home on almost a daily basis to be encouraged in their personal journey with Jesus. Outside of her family, this was her great love. Over the decades, she also taught countless Sunday School classes and Bible studies.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Tom Ramey, Jr., her parents, her beloved brother, Jack Martin King, and sister-in-law, Bette Huff King.

Honorary pallbearers are Dr. David Nichols, Dr. Homer Don Smith, Andy Swann, Todd Swann, Elam Swann, Chris Woldert, Tom Woldert, Whit Riter, Bill McCain, Jim McCain, Bert McCain, Chris Simons, Tim Brookshire, Britt Brookshire, Brad Brookshire, Mark Brookshire, Kirk Brookshire, Michael Jones, Jay Ward, Ross Murphy, Randy Murphy, Dr. John Hudnall, George Pearson, Henry Bell, Allen Bell, Smith Reynolds, Trey Yarbrough, Jim Gillen, Randy Key, Denning Key, Michael Jones, Jimmy Miller, and Brad Harvey. A celebration of her earthly life will be held on Thursday, May 2 at 2:00 at Marvin Methodist Church followed by a reception/visitation at the church. A private family graveside service will be held at Rose Hill Cemetery.

The family is most thankful for Jill's many caregivers over the years. In particular, we are forever grateful for the many years of care and nurturing by Brenda Rodriguez.

In lieu of flowers, Jill asked that donations be considered for Marvin Methodist Church, <https://Marvin.Church>, 300 W. Erwin St., Tyler, TX 75702; or Young Life Tyler, <https://tyler.younglife.org>, P.O. Box 7763, Tyler, TX 75711; or the charity of your choice.

The family is extraordinarily thankful for your expressions of grace and kindness.

Cemetery Details

Private Family Interment - Rose Hill Cemetery

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

Marvin Methodist Church
300 West Erwin
Tyler, TX

Visitation and Reception Following Service

MAY 2 (CT)

Marvin Methodist Church
300 West Erwin
Tyler, TX

Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Julia McMahon Shelton lit a candle in memory of Jill King Ramey*



Julia McMahon Shelton - May 02, 2024 at 09:58 PM

AL

“ *My deepest condolences to King and his family. I crossed paths with Jill Ramey at the London Shop. What dear sweet person. God speed*

Alice Lipscomb - May 01, 2024 at 06:47 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Jill King Ramey.*



May 01, 2024 at 02:36 PM

AA

“ *Anna Catherine & Annakate planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jill King Ramey.*

Anna Catherine & Annakate - May 01, 2024 at 02:36 PM

CH

“ Ramey family,
Oh the face that she is looking on now, our Savior Jesus Christ! She is with the love of her life, Tom and other family members. May God's comforting arms hold everyone close during this time. I have sweet memories of being in her Sunday School class in the early 70's. She always gave sweet hugs when she was able to attend church. Her prayers were guided by our Lord and brought love & solace to those that heard them. Remembering sweet smiles, Cathy Hirt

Cathy Hirt - April 30, 2024 at 04:42 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Jill King Ramey.



April 30, 2024 at 03:41 PM

TF

“ The Young Life Africa family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jill King Ramey.

The Young Life Africa family - April 30, 2024 at 03:41 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Jill King Ramey.



April 30, 2024 at 01:02 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Jill King Ramey.*



April 30, 2024 at 12:22 PM



“ *Ross&Mary Murphy Randy&Margaret Murphy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jill King Ramey.*

Ross&Mary Murphy Randy&Margaret Murphy - April 30, 2024 at 12:22 PM



“ *Kelley Uzzell lit a candle in memory of Jill King Ramey*



Kelley Uzzell - April 29, 2024 at 06:54 PM

CH

“ I expect that many of us who are reflecting on our relationship with Jill will ultimately come to her involvement in our lives as Christians. I am fortunate to have had Jill and Tom Ramey in my life for several years while attending Sunday School at Marvin United Methodist Church. Along with so many of my school friends, we literally sat at the feet of this amazing couple as they described for us the teachings of Jesus Christ.

My brother, Doug, and I recently discussed Jill and the positive impact she had on our lives. I told him about sitting alone with Jill at Pine Cove during a Marvin retreat discussing the acceptance of Jesus as my Savior. He had a similar story and we both gave thanks for having Jill in our lives.

Until reading Jill's obituary, I was unaware of the impact that WWII had on her young life. Her commitment to the service of others, even at such an early age, was a hallmark of her entire life.

I join so many who have such fond and wonderful memories of Jill when I say to Claire and the entire family - thank you for sharing her with us all. I'm not sure you could have stopped her if you tried!

Craig Horan

Craig Horan - April 29, 2024 at 04:55 PM

GP

“ While saddened by the news of Jill's passing, I am comforted by the fact she is now basking in the light of her eternal life and the love of her Savior Jesus Christ; a Savior she helped so many to find. I can without hesitation confirm that Jill led me to the two most important relationships in my life, my personal relationship with Jesus Christ and to my relationship with my wife, Becky. Words are completely inadequate to express the impact Jill had on my life, as she did for so many others. I was one of the literal parade of high school students she taught in Sunday School and would welcome into her home (at virtually any time) to hear their problems or just be reassured by her loving presence and confidence in God's love for them. I know each of us treasure the time we had with her and the love we felt from Jill and her love for the Lord. Her impact on so many is truly immeasurable. For her family be comforted in knowing she is celebrating the eternal victory she sought so confidently.

George L Pearson - April 29, 2024 at 03:56 PM