



JoAnne Limmer

February 15, 1927 - January 9, 2018

Memorial services for JoAnne Limmer, 90, of Tyler, will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2018, 11:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church with Rev. Dr. Stuart Baskin officiating. A private family burial will precede the service at Rose Hill Cemetery. There will be a reception at the church following the memorial.

Mrs. Limmer passed away on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at the Hospice of East Texas HomePlace in Tyler. JoAnne was born on February 15, 1927 in Tyler to Jerome Russell Shelton and Gladys White Shelton. She graduated from Tyler High in 1945 and later from the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Business Administration. At the University, she was an active member of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. Upon graduation, she was hired by IBM in Austin. From there, she went to New York for system service training. After training, she returned to Austin and worked installing regional calculators at various locations. She moved to several subsidiaries including New Orleans and New Jersey. While working at IBM, she met and married her husband, Andrew Madison (Maddy) Limmer Jr. in 1951.

JoAnne and Maddy moved to Tyler in 1955 to raise their family and joined the First Presbyterian Church. At the church, she was always playing the piano for different occasions or teaching Sunday school. JoAnne was also involved in numerous civic organizations including the Junior League of Tyler and the Women's Symphony League. An avid reader, she also participated in several literary circles, always having at least 2 books going. JoAnne enjoyed playing bridge, mahjong, and any other game that involved a deck of cards.

Over and above all, she was devoted to her Savior, her family, and her friends. She always put others' needs above her own and loved her family unconditionally. Everyone was truly blessed to have had such a wonderful mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend. There was always an extra place at her table for a guest and plenty of food to share. Everyone looked forward to a meal with Jodie because she was such a great cook! Favorite recipes continue to circulate throughout the family.

JoAnne was preceded in death by her husband of 33 years, A.M. Limmer Jr., her parents, and her brother, Jerry Russel Shelton.

She is survived by her daughters, Gay Harvey and husband Brad (Tyler) and Ree O'Connell and husband Steve (Austin); four grandchildren; Will and Heather Harvey (Tyler), Cam and Megan Harvey (Lansing, IL), Whitney and Philip Helgren (Austin) and Andrew O'Connell (Austin); one great-grandson Madison Helgren (Austin); nephews, Rusty Shelton (Julia) McKinney, Walton Shelton (Roxanne) Austin, Nick Kaiser (Bellows Falls, VT), Burke Kaiser (Buena Vista, CO) and numerous cousins.

The family would especially like to thank Henrietta Dominguez (who has been with her over 25 years), Jessie Sue Whitaker, and LaQueshia Morgan for their devotion in caring for Jodie. We are deeply grateful for all your kindness.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 230 W. Rusk St., Tyler, TX 75701, The Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701 or the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
230 Rusk St.
Tyler, TX 75701

Tribute Wall

AW

“ Sorry to have just recently learned of Her passing. My older cousin with kids my age. Love and sympathy to Gay and Ree from your cousin Alan and family. Would love to reconnect with y'all. Lots of happy memories from playing in and around Aunt Gladys' house on Chilton.

Alan White - July 24, 2020 at 02:03 AM

LM

“ Loretta Martinez lit a candle in memory of JoAnne Limmer



Loretta martinez - April 21, 2018 at 06:34 PM

AP

“ In typical Tyler tradition, they were, to my brothers and I, Mr. and Mrs. Limmer. Never a first name. But seemingly for many Saturday nights the Limmers would come over to our house or us to their's for rib cooking, ping ponging and whatever other competitive game could be devised. They brought with them a very valuable commodity for 3 adolescent boys i.e. two very pretty adolescent girls so these evenings were much anticipated. Mr. Limmer was always the instigator of this prank or that and took great pride in trying to best my Dad with his rib cooking etiquette. The competition for the title of best ribs was always in doubt and frequently the final judge was Mr. Jack Daniels in his infinite wisdom. But to me it seemed that the winner was always the one that burned them the most and utilized the most sodium chloride. All the while Mrs. Limmer attempted to maintain some kind of decorum between 5 genuine children and two much "older ones". She was always the voice of calm and reason but could hurl thunderbolts with the best of them. In the summer as they parked their boat the "GayRee" right next to ours on Lake Tyler we would frequently meet up with them, drop anchors and enjoy the evenings. Again, more competitive games, pranks from Mr. Limmer except this time heralded over by Captain Jack Daniels for a nautical theme as such. So a quick trip down memory lane remembering a truly classy lady, her beautiful family and a Tyler icon. She will always be remembered... Alan Payne Denver, CO

Alan Payne - January 11, 2018 at 07:12 PM

KP

“ Keith Mark and Alan Payne purchased the Touching Tribute Spray for the family of JoAnne Limmer.



Keith Mark and Alan Payne - January 11, 2018 at 06:35 PM