



Virginia "Jinny" Irene Heyboer

December 9, 1921 - June 17, 2017

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Virginia Irene Heyboer gently passed into the presence of her loving Savior Jesus Christ on Saturday June 17, 2017.

Virginia or 'Jinny' as she was known was born in Muskegon, Michigan Dec 9, 1921. She graduated from Coopersville High School where she met her high school sweetheart Gerald 'Jerry' Heyboer. She was one of the first women to serve her country in the Marine Corps during World War II and quickly rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant, while Jerry served in the Army. They were married in November of 1945. She travelled the world as an Air Force wife embracing her role as wife and mother with the same natural enthusiasm and creativity that helped her make friends in all parts of the world. She loved her Savior and was always involved as a member or officer in the United Methodist Women, as well as PTA and Christian Women's Club. She showed her creativity as a Room Mother, Brownie Leader and later founded a Cooking Club for International Students at Michigan State University. She taught English in many settings, usually through lunches and tea parties in the US, Okinawa and Thailand. She enjoyed entertaining for her bridge clubs, military friends and family groups.

She was adventuresome and learned many new talents as they travelled. She

learned cake decorating and how to make icing from flowers, she made hand decorated cookies and even make a friends' wedding cake. She made her own Marzipan and formed all kinds of fruit, she took a class in Theatrical makeup at Phillips University in Oklahoma, she took cooking lessons from the Chef at the Chinese Embassy in Washington DC, she went to millinery classes, (she made Easter hats for all of the girls) and she learned Ikebana while in Okinawa. She was an excellent seamstress and made each of her grandchildren their own Care Bear. She was intrigued by Rocks and Minerals and carried a jewelers lens in her purse at all times. She enjoyed going to the Rock and Mineral show in Tucson. And she loved it when the flowers bloomed on the cactus.

Her very social nature pulled 'Jerry' out of his reticence and she built a lifetime of friendships across miles and cultures. She lived in Michigan, Oklahoma, England, Washington DC, Labrador, Okinawa, Bangkok, Kansas and Arizona before moving to Huntsville, TX to reside with her daughter.

She is predeceased by her devoted husband of 70 years Jerry Heyboer. She is survived by daughter Patricia and husband Noah Speer of Huntsville TX, daughter Jackie and husband Milt Munger of New Caney, TX, son Gerald Thomas Jr and wife Liz of Lansing, MI and daughter Jane and husband Aaron McNaughton of Brea, CA. She was also dearly loved by her grandchildren Gloria Nelson and husband Leif of Whitefish, MT, Elizabeth Speer of Mesquite, TX, Noah A (Andy) Speer and wife Meghan of Richardson, TX, Jason Munger and wife Jill of New Caney TX, Sarah Abbamonto of Orange County CA, Carrie and husband Jimmy Pierce of Lake Forest CA and great grandchildren Benjamin Nelson, Josephine Nelson, Noah F Speer and Mattingly Speer, Dante Munger and Mia Munger.

Her brother in law John Heyboer and wife Wava, of Holland, MI and sister in law Norma Timmer of Escanaba, MI, also survive her.

The family wishes to thank Dr Olson and the staff at Creekside for her care.

A memorial service will be presided over by Kathy Dunn on Saturday, June 24 at 2 pm at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home 1700 Normal Park Drive, Huntsville, TX 77340. Visitation will be immediately prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Texas Lions Camp at PO Box 290247 Kerrville, TX 78029.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **24.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



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