



Joan Caroline Tavaréz

May 11, 2017

Joan Caroline Tavaréz passed away Thursday, May 11, 2017. Born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on October 28, 1933, she was the only child of Beulah and John Hooker. Joan graduated from the Sioux Valley Hospital School of Nursing as a Registered Nurse. She worked as a R.N. at the Sioux Valley Hospital in Labor & Delivery, which she loved. It was at Sioux Valley Hospital where she met her husband Dr. Vicente Tavaréz, Jr. Joan and Vicente Tavaréz moved to many different states while he was continuing his surgical education, from Monterrey, Mexico to Denver, Colorado, and Norfolk, Virginia and finally settling down in McAllen, Texas in 1964. Joan and Vicente made life-long friends in each city in which they lived, but McAllen became their “FOREVER” home. Joan Tavaréz’ life motto was “You Bloom Where You’re Planted” and as such she welcomed many family members, friends, and high school exchange students into her home on many occasions. Joan Tavaréz was always quick to set an extra plate of food at the table upon short notice for many nurses and resident doctors that were away from their hometowns in order to have a home-cooked meal.

Joan Tavaréz was a devoted wife and mother to her family. Her devotion to her family led her to be Girl or Boy Scout Troop Leaders at various stages, chaperone for Dance Clinics, organize school activities, as well as keep her husband’s surgical practice running efficiently. She also taught Sunday School at Calvary Baptist Church. Joan became an avid hunter so that she could accompany her husband on hunting trips.

Joan Tavaréz loved being involved in organizations which help others succeed. She was a board member for the Easter Seals and was the recipient of the "1992 Humanitarian of the Year" Award alongside her husband Dr. Vicente Tavaréz, Jr. Other organizations in which Joan devoted so much of her time included: McAllen Reviewer's Guild, McAllen Medical Auxiliary Club, Make-a-Wish, P.E.O, International Women's Board UTRGV Foundation, Vannie Cook Cancer Center – Board Member for 30 years. In 2002, she was appointed by Governor Rick Perry to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Manufactured Housing Board.

Joan Tavaréz is pre-deceased by her husband of 40 years, Dr. Vicente Tavaréz, Jr., who passed away in October 1996. She is survived by her children: Sharon Mehner of Austin, TX., Vicente Tavaréz and wife Debbie of Durango, CO., Terri Tavaréz Odenweller and her husband Bob of Golden, CO., and Ileana Tavaréz Payne and her husband Wade of San Antonio, TX. Her grandchildren include: John Mehner of Fort Collins, CO., Zachary Tavaréz and his wife Stephanie of San Antonio, TX., Julia Mehner of Lakewood, CO., Joshua Tavaréz of Blanco, TX, Allena Tavaréz Chapman and her husband Noah of Abilene, TX., Elise Payne and Catherine Payne of San Antonio, TX. She is survived by her cousins, Beverly Roy of Vail, AZ, Laird Brown of Depoe Bay, OR, Lori Brown of Portland, OR, and Tami Brown McCallum of Salem, OR.

Tavaréz Family: Dr. Hiram and Kathe Tavaréz of McAllen, Dr. Marvin and Alice Tavaréz of McAllen, Hilda Menendez of Rio Bravo, Mexico. Marvin Tavaréz, Jr of Pleasanton, TX., Ronnie Tavaréz and wife Eva Tavaréz and sons Vince & Ryan of McAllen, TX, Hiram Tavaréz, Jr. and wife Janna and son Cole of New Braunfels, TX., Ann Marguerite Hudson and husband Tom and children Lauren, Alec, Jacob and Luke of Round Rock, TX., Kathleen Pebley and husband Trey and sons Harris and Gavin of McAllen, Laura Menendez of Rio Bravo, Mexico and Patricia Menendez of Rio Bravo, Mexico.

A visitation will be held Wednesday May, 17th, 2017 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

at Kreidler Funeral Home.

A Celebration of Life will be held Thursday May 18, 2017 at Calvary Baptist Church at 10:00 AM with interment held at Valley Memorial Gardens in Mission following the service.

Cemetery Details

Valley Memorial Gardens

3605 N Taylor Rd
Mission, TX 78501

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kreidler Funeral Home, Inc.
314 N 10th St.
McAllen, TX 78501
(956) 686-0234
kreidler@sbcglobal.net
<http://www.kreidlerfuneralhome.com/index.html>

Funeral Service

MAY 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

Calvary Baptist Church
1600 Harvey Dr
McAllen, TX 78501

Tribute Wall



“ *Joan Caroline Tavarez*

October 08, 2023 at 09:43 PM



“ *Joan Caroline Tavarez*

November 29, 2022 at 06:40 AM



“ *Kevin and Jackie Sykes purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Joan Caroline Tavarez.*



Kevin and Jackie Sykes - May 17, 2017 at 04:20 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan Caroline Tavarez.*



May 16, 2017 at 06:01 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joan Caroline Tavarez.*



May 16, 2017 at 12:06 PM



“ *Wendy Erickson lit a candle in memory of Joan Caroline Tavarez*



Wendy Erickson - May 16, 2017 at 09:57 AM



“ *Joe and Lois Odenweller purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joan Caroline Tavarez.*



Joe and Lois Odenweller - May 15, 2017 at 10:34 PM



“ *Finest Farewell Spray was purchased for the family of Joan Caroline Tavarez.*



May 15, 2017 at 02:09 PM

JS

“ *What a colorful, spirited, engaging lady! It is people like Joan who create the bonds that hold our tenuous world together. We will remember her always.*



James & Holly Schellhase - May 15, 2017 at 12:30 PM

MB

“ *Myles Beeching lit a candle in memory of Joan Caroline Tavarez*



Myles Beeching - May 15, 2017 at 08:55 AM