



Jo Ann Porter

January 5, 1932 - May 5, 2017

Jo Ann Clay Porter, 85, died May 6, 2017 after a long battle with ALS in Sugar Land, Texas. She was born on January 5, 1932 in El Campo, Texas. Jo Ann was the daughter of Helen Clay Bittner and Theodore Clay. She graduated from El Campo High School in the Summer of 1949. Anybody that knew Jo Ann, knew that she was an avid bridge player even in high school. She and her girlfriends played with a passion and they were known to occasionally skip school to play bridge!

After finishing two years at Wharton County Junior College, she met the love of her life, James Porter, at the Pecan Grove Dance Hall in Wharton, Texas. James and Jo Ann were married in 1951. They spent 40 years living in Houma and Lafayette, Louisiana during the oil booms and busts. Upon retirement, they returned to El Campo and spent a wonderful 20 years on their ranch. Jo Ann was able to reunite with her high school friends, and they played bridge!

After the death of James in 2011, Jo Ann moved to Greatwood Retirement Home in Sugar Land, Texas and lived there for the past 6 years. During this time she was able to spend precious time with her daughters, her 4 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren. And Jo Ann continued to play bridge! She played Duplicate Bridge online, and Poker, Bingo, and Black Jack with her friends at Greatwood!

Jo Ann, with her beautiful smile and generous heart, will be deeply missed by her two daughters, Renee Hailey and Rita Novosad. She is also survived by their husbands, Travis Hailey, Jr, and Dennis Novosad, grandchildren Travis Hailey III and wife Shelley, Scott Hailey and wife Bethany, Jason Novosad, Chelsea Novosad, and her great grandchildren Travis Hailey IV, Teagan Hailey, and Emmett and Ellie Hailey. And she was forever grateful for her devoted friend and caregiver, Pat Standard.

A celebration of life service will be held at 10 a.m. at Greatwood Retirement Home in Sugar Land, Texas on Friday, May 12, 2017. Then immediately afterwards, a visitation will be held from 12 to 2pm at Triska Funeral Home in El Campo, Texas with a graveside ceremony following at 3 p.m. at Garden of Memories in El Campo. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the El Campo Animal Shelter or to the charity of one's choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 12. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Triska Funeral Home
612 Merchant Street
El Campo, TX 77437-3440
(979) 543-3681
triskafh@sbcglobal.net

Graveside Service

MAY 12. 3:00 PM (CT)

Garden of Memories
US Business 59 and CR 358
El Campo, TX 77437

Tribute Wall



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