



Joan Dorothy Bristow
November 15, 1941 - January 23, 2021

Celebrating the Life of
Joan Dorothy Bristow
Tuesday, February 2, 2021 2:00 pm
Broussard's Chapel
Beaumont, Texas
Reverend Jon Stouffer



Prelude
“*He Leadeth Me*”
by Gregg Bailey

Greeting & Word of Grace

Scripture Reading
1 Corinthians 13:4-13

Prayer

“*You Needed Me*”
by Anne Murray

Gospel Reading
John 14:1-7, 25-27

Message

Prayer

Benediction

Postlude
“*Toccata*”
by Gregg Bailey





Dorothy Joan Bristow known as Joan Dorothy Bristow, of Peoria, Arizona was called home to be with our Lord and Savior in the early morning hours of January 23, 2021 due to Coronavirus.

Joan was born to Pauline Grace Bristow and Emmett Franklin “Bud” Bristow on November 15, 1941 in Brownsville, Texas.

Joan attended French High School in Beaumont, Texas and after graduating, married Vessie Tilman “Buck” Gooch on July 11, 1959. They had two daughters, Debbie Colleen Bailey of Odessa, Texas and Donna Michelle Weiger of Castaic, California.

While living in Texas Joan worked at Gulf States Utilities as a Secretary, The Royal Coach Inn as an Event Coordinator and later at Gulf Oil as a Secretary to the Security Department. She also worked in a Law Office in Texas City as a Paralegal. In 1974 she moved to California. During her years in California, she worked at Valley Federal Bank as a Secretary and Hughes Aircraft Company as an Executive Assistant in the Missile Systems Group, Defense Division, where she had top secret clearance. She was extremely dedicated, hardworking and very proud of all she accomplished, especially her work at Hughes Aircraft Company.

Joan had a great love for all animals and a passion for horses which stayed close to her heart her whole life. When she was younger and able to, she enjoyed walking her dogs at the park and riding horses. She also enjoyed spending time at lakes, the ocean, being in the sunshine, cooking and sewing. She made some of her own clothes, as well as dresses and skirts for her daughters Debbie and Donna. One dress in particular was a beautiful lavender dress she made for her daughter Debbie that Debbie loved so much, she is quoted as saying, “I wore it much longer than I should have, but it was my favorite dress.”

Joan was actively involved in the Brownies and the Girl Scouts providing support for her girls. She was also a Campfire Girls Leader, Room Mother, active in the PTA and painted faces at the elementary school Halloween Carnival every year. She loved teaching her daughters how to ride horses and had a special way of always making Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas and birthdays extra special. She put her heart into everything she did, making holiday meals from scratch, never a box. Yes, holiday meals were made with great care and love. Those days she would often reflect on as being the happiest days of her life.

Throughout Joan's life she often shared stories about high school, old friends, visits with her Father as a teenager when he lived in Florida, her great adoration for her Grandmother, her children and love for her family. Her love of classical music made a significant impact on her grandson Gregg Bailey who is now a professional organist.

Joan was a very strong, ambitious, dedicated, hardworking woman who raised two girls on her own. Besides possessing a great, quick witted sense of humor, she was beautiful and intelligent. She was a daughter, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother and friend who will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

















Interment
Magnolia Cemetery
Beaumont, Texas

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