



Jo Ann Riggs
August 15, 1938 - June 17, 2021

Celebrating the Life of
Jo Ann Riggs
Monday, June 21, 2021 10:00 a.m.
Forest Park United Methodist Church
Beaumont, Texas
Reverend J. Martin Boddie



Welcome & Prayer

“How Great Thou Art”

“Amazing Grace”

Scripture Reading

Reading of Obituary

Personal Reflections

Message

“Old Rugged Cross”

“Victory in Jesus”

Benediction

“How Great Thou Art”

Oh Lord, my God
When I, in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
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And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Chorus

When Christ shall come, with shouts of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.

Chorus

“Amazing Grace”

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

“Old Rugged Cross”

On a hill far away stood an old, rugged cross
The emblem of suffering and shame
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

So, I'll cherish the old, rugged cross (rugged cross)
Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old, rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown.

To the old, rugged cross I will ever be true
It's shame and reproach gladly bear
Then he'll call me some day to my home far away
Where his glory forever I'll share.

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Till my trophies at last I lay down
And I will cling to the old, rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown
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“Victory In Jesus”

I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory
How He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me
I heard about His groaning, of His precious blood's atoning
Then I repented of my sins and won the victory.

Oh, victory in Jesus, my Savior forever
He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood
He loved me 'ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about His healing, of His cleansing power revealing
How He made the lame to walk again and 'caused the blind to see
And then I cried, “Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit”
And somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory.

Chorus x2

He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.



Jo Ann Riggs, 82, died June 17, 2021, in a peaceful home setting with family surrounding her. She was born on August 15, 1938, in Ruston, Louisiana, to Harold Curtis Nelson and Sudie Andrews Nelson, and spent her early years living on a dairy farm. Economic hardship forced her parents to sell the farm, and in the summer of 1943 the family moved to Orange, Texas, where her father went to work at the shipyard and eventually opened a bicycle shop.

Jo Ann accepted Christ at a revival at the age of ten, and at the age of 82 still vividly remembered the details of that experience. Her faith in Jesus was a central part of her life and she lovingly and generously shared all of the gifts and talents that God had given her.

After graduation from Stark High School in 1956, Jo Ann earned a Bachelor of Business Administration from Lamar University in Beaumont. She married Jerry Riggs in 1961 and together they raised their three boys. In addition to being a homemaker, she worked at Sun Oil, First Christian Preschool, Odom Academy, and Sallie Curtis Elementary, as well as volunteering at the neighborhood church that she loved so much.

Her creativity was displayed in numerous ways such as: homeroom mom, team mom, cook, baker of cakes for all occasions, painter, pianist and piano teacher, seasonal decorator at church, Thrift Shop volunteer, gardener, and party hostess extraordinaire. Family and friends will perhaps remember her most for the way she eagerly welcomed everyone into her home for a visit, a meal, or even to live there for a while. Jo Ann, like her mother, was a talented seamstress, who made Forest Park twirling outfits, clothes for herself and her family, and countless last-minute alterations for frantic friends and family.

Jo Ann's life was always full of activity, including attending her grandchildren's dance recitals, concerts, award ceremonies, baseball games, softball games, and soccer games. More recently, she eagerly anticipated visits with her great grandsons. She bowled, played Bunco, and had regular luncheons with the women who attended high school with her, affectionately referred to as the Orange Bunch.

Jo Ann was preceded in death by her parents and her husband. She is survived by her brother, James Nelson and wife, Toni, of Wimberley; her three sons, Kyle Riggs and wife, Debbie, of Beaumont; Kent Riggs and wife, Leslie, of Kountze; and Keith Riggs and wife, Kim, of Port Neches. Her grandchildren are Macy (Riggs) and husband, Blair Tatum, of Benbrook; Amber Riggs of Lumberton; Karson and Emily Riggs of Beaumont; Noah and Abby Riggs of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Logan Riggs and Makenna Riggs of Port Neches, as well as great-grandsons, Jack Tatum and Hudson Riggs.





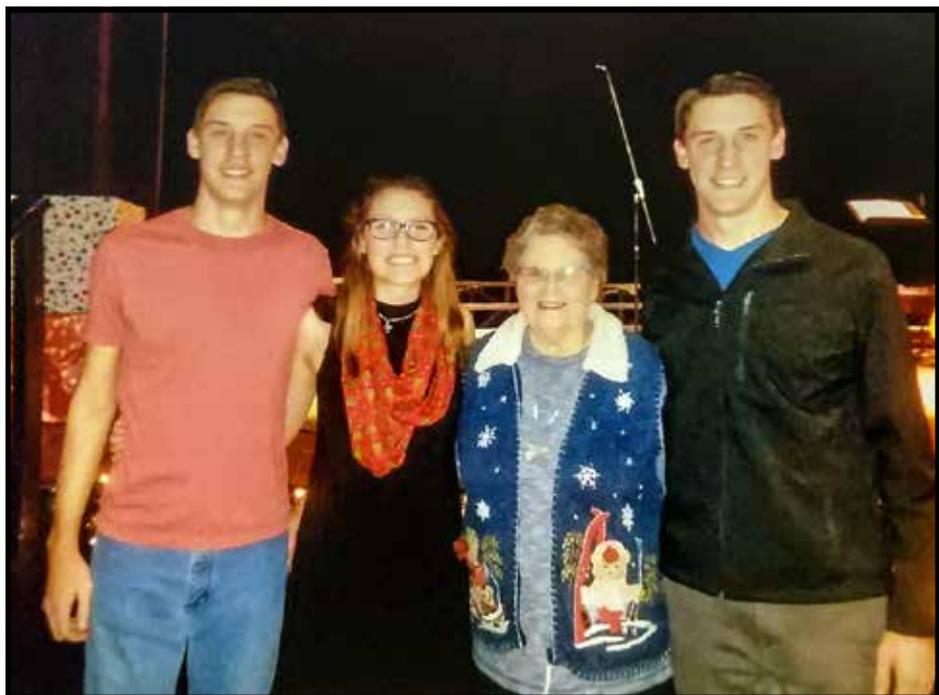
















Pallbearers

T.C. Jones
Holden English
John O'Quinn
Logan Riggs
Blair Tatum
Kevin Toups
Jeff Williams

Interment

Forest Lawn Memorial Park
Beaumont, Texas

Memorial Contributions

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