

Billie Jo Henry February 13, 1929-May 5, 2023

## Celebrating the Life of

Pillie Io Henry

Saturday, May 20, 2023 12:00 p.m. First Baptist Church of Port Arthur Port Arthur, Texas

Reverend Mark Humble

Prelude "The Holy City"

Call to Worship Hymn "Because He Lives"

Mark Humble

Pastoral Prayer, Welcome and Obituary Mark Humble

Daughters' Tribute Vicki Henry, Denise Rachal

Grandson's Tribute "I Can Only Imagine"

Sam Rachal

Granddaughter's Tribute Elyssa Henry

Tribute in Song "Sunrise Tomorrow"

Mark Humble

Message Mark Humble

Hymn Response "When We All Get to Heaven"

Congregation

Benediction "How Great Thou Art"

Mark Humble



Billie Jo Henry was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma on February 13, 1929, to parents, Rev. & Mrs. Stewart B. Douglass. After attending University of Tulsa and then working briefly in Shreveport, Louisiana, she relocated to Port Arthur, Texas to pursue a job in fashion merchandizing. Shortly thereafter, Billie met the love of her life, Sam Dennard Henry, who she was married to for thirty-seven years prior to his death in

1992. After the birth of their two daughters, she then pursued her passion for education by obtaining both a bachelor's and then masters' degree from Lamar University. During that time, Billie was a much-loved teacher at Thomas Jefferson High School for nineteen years, while also teaching graduate level courses at Lamar University. Each year, she co-led groups of students and adults on tours abroad, helping satisfy her love of travel, education, and adventure.

Billie loved the Lord Jesus and without question lived a life that was a testament to his love, compassion, and determination to help others. Her extended family was her much loved friends at First Baptist Church Port Arthur, where she served as choir President, Chairman of the Trustees and Team Captain for the church's Relay-for-Life team.

Billie cherished Port Arthur and always called it home. Her life there for sixty-four years was such a blessing – to be crowned Mrs. South Jefferson County in the early years; followed by her calling to serve others as President of every level of the PTA; Treasurer of the Port Arthur Service League; President of the Port Arthur Country Club Ladies Auxiliary; and President of the South Jefferson Unit of the American Cancer Society, where she was a member for over fifty years.

After moving to Dallas in 2016 to be with family, Billie made a home at Signature Pointe Independent Living where she made many dear friends. She did not however "retire" while living in Dallas – she served as Ambassador to those living near her; ran the retirement community's Country Store; and joined the Notables Senior Adult Choir at Park Cities Baptist Church.

On May 5, 2023, Billie passed peacefully to heaven with family by her side. She is proceeded in death by her husband, Sam Henry; parents, Stewart and Irene Douglass; sister, Barbara Moehlmann; brother, Stanley Douglass; and many lifelong friends.

She is survived by her daughter, Vicki Henry of Orlando, Florida; daughter, Denise Henry Rachal and her husband, Tom Rachal of Dallas, Texas; her cherished grandchildren, Elyssa Henry of Orlando, Sam Rachal of Dallas; niece, Carroll Martin and husband, Mike of Tyler; niece, Donna Payne and husband, Jimmy of Shreveport; niece, Kristle Comley and husband, Geoffrey of College Station; and many other loved ones.



## "When We All Get to Heaven"

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, Sing His mercy and His grace; In the mansions bright and blessed He'll prepare for us a place.

When we all get to Heaven, What a day of rejoicing that will be! When we all see Jesus, We'll sing and shout the victory!

While we walk the pilgrim pathway, Clouds will overspread the sky; But when trav'ling days are over, Not a shadow, not a sigh.

Let us then be true and faithful, Trusting, serving every day; Just one glimpse of Him in glory Will the toils of life repay.

When we all get to Heaven, What a day of rejoicing that will be! When we all see Jesus, We'll sing and shout the victory!

Onward to the prize before us! Soon His beauty we'll behold; Soon the pearly gates will open; We shall tread the streets of gold.

When we all get to Heaven, What a day of rejoicing that will be! When we all see Jesus, We'll sing and shout the victory!

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