



Judith Biggert

August 15, 1947 - January 17, 2021

Judith Biggert was born on August 15, 1947 in Poplarville, MS to Col. Joseph Biggert and Linda Jean Simmons Biggert, who preceded her in death, along with her brother, Michael Biggert. Judith passed from this life into the life everlasting on January 17, 2021, with her husband Woodrow Gammel by her side, after a year-long battle with cancer.

Judith is survived by two children, Vincent (Sheila) Castellano and Gina (Matthew) Powers; siblings Joseph and Linda; 6 beloved grandchildren, Amanda Castellano, Austin Castellano, Vincent Castellano, Lexie Castellano, Nick Powers, and Jack Powers; three step-children Jackie (Jacob) Payne, Woodrow Gammel III, Bonnie (PT) Lee; 6 step-grandchildren, Joseph Payne, Joy (Alex) Leise, Juliana Payne, Cooper Lee, Madox Lee and Harper Lee.

An Army brat, she lived in countries all over the world, including France and Japan. After graduating from Hattiesburg High School, she attended the University of Southern MS. She then married and moved to New York for 40 years. Judith went back to school after having 2 children and graduated Brooklyn College in 1977. She spent most of her career working in community affairs and business development at Community Board 7 and the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, helping to restore the borough as a vital manufacturing force prior to her untimely retirement in 1995. In 2006, Judith moved back to Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

She treasured her friendships and never hesitated to serve the less fortunate. In fact, Judith will leave a legacy regarding her service to others. Judith was a passionate and strong lady who enjoyed gardening and serving God and the community through her church, Oak Grove United Methodist. When Judith took up a cause, such as OGUMC's Food Ministries, she gave it her all. She worked tirelessly and never expected accolades for her efforts. Judith was one of those rare souls who served literally as the hands and feet of God.

A graveside service will be held at Highland Cemetery on Wednesday, January 20 at 3:00 as well as a memorial service in New York City later in 2021. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be given to the Oak Grove UMC Food Pantry, 4915 Old Hwy 11, Hattiesburg, MS 39402.

Previous Events

Graveside

JAN 20. 3:00 PM (CT)

Highland Cemetery

West 7th Street

Hattiesburg, MS 39401