



Mary Lloyd Joy Ferguson Borden

July 19, 1933 - September 22, 2016

Mary Lloyd Joy Ferguson Borden, "Joy", went to her heavenly home on Thursday, September 22, 2016, after a tiring illness. Joy was prepared for her journey, only leaving her loved ones made it bittersweet. She was 83 years old.

Joy was born in 1933 in Alexandria, AL, to Lloyd, a plumber, and Ellen, a homemaker and seamstress. Extremely bright, Joy graduated from Alexandria High School at 16 years of age and finished college at Jacksonville State University when she was 19 with a degree in music. She and her longtime sweetheart, Doug, were in the JSU band before it was known as the Southerners. Joy was also in the very first marching band at Alexandria. Joy married Doug in 1953. Doug had joined the Air Force and he and Joy spent their first two years of marriage in Rapid City, South Dakota. After discharging from the military, they moved their family to Piedmont.

Joy began teaching at Weaver and then transferred to the Piedmont School System. There, Joy taught elementary school for over 30 years. Joy touched countless lives during her tenure at Piedmont, and undoubtedly those former students would echo the same. Numerous former colleagues and students have recounted how Mrs. Borden was a respected, sweet, and knowledgeable teacher, and is often remembered as one of their "favorites". Mrs. Borden was also known for having her class sit quietly at their desks everyday after lunch

as she reapplied her essential lipstick and then read them a book.

Joy was also deeply involved in her church, the First Baptist Church of Piedmont, and her community. Joy was the organist for FBC for 40 years. After retiring from the organ, Joy remained a faithful member of the choir. She was also the former Director of Women's Missions. Joy was a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority, the Piedmont Town and Country Garden Club, the Piedmont Study Club, and the Red Hat Society.

Joy, as well as Doug, was extremely talented and musically gifted, playing many different instruments and singing beautifully. Joy played at countless weddings, funerals and events. Joy also taught piano lessons for many years. After retiring from teaching, Joy and Doug began their own photography business, shooting many weddings and special occasion events. Joy was known for holding her clipboard that kept them on schedule, and for making sure everyone was posed just so. Both being retired schoolteachers, the Bordens seldom went anywhere without seeing their former students.

Joy is now reunited with her loving husband of 61 years, John Douglas Borden. Sweethearts since the 6th grade, Joy and Doug were by each other's side for over seven decades. As a youngster, Doug would take three different buses just to attend school with Joy. Joy and Doug also had the opportunity to travel all over the country during their marriage, especially during their summer breaks. Anyone who had the privilege of knowing Joy and Doug knew that they were completely devoted to one another. Doug and Joy truly enjoyed a real life love story.

Joy leaves behind her two beloved daughters, Felecia Borden Steward (Mike) and Susan Borden Trammell (Jimmy). Joy also has five grandchildren, who were the apples of her eye, Jeremy Steward, Brandon Steward (Stephanie), Ashley Steward Singleton (Ben), Jordyn Trammell and Jameson Trammell.

Joy leaves her cherished great grandchildren, Abbey Steward, Avery Steward and Hailey Singleton behind, as well. Joy was the best mother and grandmother anyone could ask for. Wherever their grandchildren were, Joy and Doug weren't far behind.

Joy leaves her treasured sister, Ann Ferguson Milner. She is also survived by her brother in law, Harlan Borden (Tula), and sister in law, Nina Borden Price and many other cherished family members.

Joy was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur Lloyd Ferguson and Mary Ellen Ferguson, and her beloved husband Douglas.

Joy was a devout Christian and devoted to her family. Joy was respected by all who knew her, and she earned that respect. She was the epitome of class; a true lady. She was a kind and lovely woman, and loved by many. She touched countless lives just by living hers. To know her truly was to love her.

The family would like to thank the many, many friends for all the visits, well wishes and prayers. The love and support shown will not be forgotten.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the First Baptist Church of Piedmont in Joy's memory.

Funeral services for Joy Borden will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, September 25, 2016, at Thompson Funeral Home with Bro. Michael Ingram officiating. Pall Bearers are Mike Steward, Jeremy Steward, Brandon Steward, Ben Singleton, Jimmy Trammell and Jameson Trammell. The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. prior to the service. Burial will follow at Piedmont Memory Gardens.

Tribute Wall

JJ

“ I'm so sorry for the family's loss of Mrs. Borden. She was a truly kind lady.

Joanne Barnes Jackson - June 20, 2018 at 03:40 PM

HT

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Mrs. Borden. Her daughters, Felecia and Susan, were classmates and friends of mine. Mr. Borden was also so sweet as my choir teacher. Continuing to remember the family in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless you all!

Harriet Thompson - June 20, 2018 at 03:40 PM

TS

“ With deepest sympathy

Thelma Ann Smelser - June 20, 2018 at 03:40 PM

KW

“ Please accept my deepest condolences on your personal loss. In my youth, both Mr. and Mrs. Borden touched my life and I learned so much from them. Prayers of comfort for the family.

Kathy Snead Waldrop - June 20, 2018 at 03:40 PM

FA

“ Felecia and Susan, I'm so sad to hear of your mom's passing. Your parents were such a part of all our lives who grew up and went to school in Piedmont from the 60's until they retired. I will keep you both and your families in my prayers.

Felecia Shaw Acevedo - June 20, 2018 at 03:40 PM

EB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Borden family. I loved both Mr. and Mrs. Borden from the time they came to Piedmont and will continue to do so. God bless!* Eddie Blackwelder

Eddie Blackwelder - June 20, 2018 at 03:40 PM