

Joanne Marie Young | 1931-2015

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Joanne Marie (Logan) Young, 84, died Thursday, Sept. 24, 2015. Joanne was born July 20, 1931, in Rhome to Harry H. and Marie Ferguson Logan. She grew up in Wise County, near the small town of Rhome. As children in a family of farmers and ranchers, Joanne and her two younger brothers helped with the chickens and livestock, farming and harvest. Joanne enjoyed being in the kitchen with her mother, helping to prepare meals for the men who worked from sun-up to sundown. They rode the school bus each day to the Rhome school and regularly congregated at the home of their “Grannie” Logan after Sunday church services, along with uncles and cousins.

Joanne attended Texas Woman’s University and graduated in 1952 with a degree in home economics education. Upon graduation, she took a teaching job in a small cotton-farming community in West Texas. These were fun and memorable times with her students and co-workers, and it was in nearby Rotan that she met her husband, John Paul Young, at the Church of Christ in Rotan. When John Paul graduated from Texas A&M, he and Joanne married Dec. 28, 1954, at her parents’ home in Rhome. Joanne and John Paul lived in Midland from 1968 to 2011. They were faithful members of the Golf Course Road Church of Christ in Midland for more than 40 years. Joanne loved people, and she was active as a Bible class teacher, sorority sister and advocate for Christian education at every opportunity. She also taught kindergarten and elementary children at Midland Christian School for 15 years. Summer vacations with her grandkids were highlights, as well as trips to College Station for Aggie football games with John Paul. As the granddaughter of a member of the founding board of Abilene Christian University, Joanne was raised to value an education. She and John Paul established the Logan-Young Endowed Scholarship at ACU in 2011, with the goal of assisting young people in pursuing a Christian education. Everyone who knew Joanne loved her. Every child who came within her vicinity was spoken to and blessed. She created a home where all were welcome, and the smells of bacon and coffee filled the air. She and John Paul were devoted to family, to the Lord and His church.

John Paul died Sept. 20, 2015, and Joanne followed him quickly. She is survived by brothers, Bud Logan and wife, Mickey, and Harry Logan Jr., all of Rhome; daughter Debbie Atchley and husband, Mark, of Grapevine; granddaughters Jennifer Atchley and Jana Lambro and husband, Matt, all of Dallas; grandson John Mark Atchley and wife, Marie, of San Antonio; and cherished nieces and nephews. A memorial service honoring both Joanne and John Paul was Sept. 27 at The Hills Church of Christ-Southlake campus. Graveside service is 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, at Belvieu Cemetery in Rotan. Memorials may be made to the Logan-Young Endowed Scholarship, Abilene Christian University, ACU Box 29132, Abilene, TX, 79699, or to Midland Christian School in Midland.