

Jennie Lee Dycus | 1921-2016

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Jennie Lee Dycus, 94, of Arlington, died Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2016, in her home.

Funeral is 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at 1323 Fielder Church, 1323 W. Pioneer Parkway, in Arlington. Internment will follow at the East Bridgeport Cemetery in Bridgeport.

Jennie Lee Paschall was born April 27, 1921, to Ed and Nellie Paschall in Bridgeport, where she grew up with her brothers Frank and Dennis. She graduated from Bridgeport High School in 1936, Decatur Baptist College in 1938 and North Texas State Teachers College in Denton in 1940.

She taught grades one through four at Red Willow School, 6 miles northwest of Chico, before becoming the business instructor at her alma mater, DBC. Later, she would substitute teach in Fort Worth special education.

Jennie married Roger Dycus April 2, 1944, in the parlor of the girls dorm at DBC. Four years later they had a son, John.

To all of these elements in her life, her devotion never waivered.

If it's possible to be born Baptist, then she was. Roger bought her a piano, hoping to hear the occasional "Memphis Blues," but she was more inclined to "In the Garden." And that was just fine.

On April 27, 2001, she joined, referring to her age, "Club 80." For years, she sang in the senior choir and taught Sunday school at Fielder Road Baptist Church, where she remained active with the Triple L seniors outreach. Previously, she taught Sunday school and played piano at Southwayside Baptist Church in Fort Worth. She, Roger and John moved to Arlington in 1976.

Jennie gave freely of her time and other resources to Helping Restore Ability. She was a grateful donor to Dallas Baptist College and to pretty much any organization that asked.

If she met you, chances are she liked you. She answered the phone with a smile in her voice. She loved to laugh. She never complained.

Her son called her a national treasure. He'd be surprised if anyone disagreed.

Mrs. Dycus is survived by her son, John; and numerous nieces and nephews. Her husband, Roger, died in 1986.

Memorials may be made to the Arlington-based nonprofits, The Porch Light Foundation, visit mariannebeardo.org, and Helping Restore Ability, visit hratexas.org.