



Richardson, Frances Maria (Ferguson)

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Frances Maria Richardson, 74, passed away on July 9, 2023, at home in Decatur. Frances was born on July 4, 1949, to Clyde and Millie Ferguson in Mineola. While attending Mineola High School, she played softball and clarinet, while also excelling as a baton twirler. After graduation, she studied management science at the University of Texas at Arlington. She went on to a 37-year career with Vought Aircraft Industries as a material requirements planner. In 2008, she moved to Decatur and married the love of her life, Arthur Fields Richardson. In her spare time, she loved to read and play racquetball. She adored her dogs and treated them with the same love and attention she gave to her human family. She also enjoyed traveling to diverse destinations, such as Italy, Spain, Belgium, Arizona, Virginia and Alaska. When not taking care of the dogs or traveling, Frances devoted herself to God and found a fellowship of like-minded Christians at Victory Church in Decatur. She is survived by her husband, Arthur Fields Richardson;

her son, Ryan Bell; her daughter, Devan Bell; her son-in-law Joseph Classe; and her dogs Nelson and Mr. Wiggles. A memorial service will be held 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at Victory Church, located at 400 US-380 W, Decatur, Texas 76234.