



Soderberg, Jean (Giddiens)

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Jean (Giddiens) Soderberg, 75, of New Braunfels, was called home to the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Jan. 19, 2024. She was a beloved wife, mother and MiMi. A memorial service will be held in her honor 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 3 at Lux Funeral Home, 1254 N Business I-35 in New Braunfels, followed by a private family burial. Jean was born July 25, 1948 to the late Columbus "C.D." and Blanche (Caddell) Giddiens in Vernon. Jean graduated from Grapevine High School, a proud Mustang, class of 1966. She excelled in her activities in Pep Club, choir and Future Homemakers of America. During her junior year, she received the State Homemaker Degree of Achievement in Dallas, which is the "highest degree of achievement that a girl may attain, and few members ever attain it." She also received honorary titles in high school, such as "Best All Around" and "Most Beautiful". After graduation, she went on to earn an associate degree from Paris Junior College.

Jean met her husband, Mel, in Austin. Mel's work took them to North Texas, Montana, Oregon and California. They then settled in New Braunfels to raise their three daughters. Jean worked as a receptionist in different fields. She was a big supporter for her girls and their many recitals, performances, concerts and sports. Jean enjoyed making her mother's banana bread to share with her family. On hot summer days she would make homemade ice cream.

Jean enjoyed listening to old country and gospel music. She sang alto beautifully, and played the piano just as beautifully, until arthritis wouldn't allow it. She liked to watch westerns, action movies, cooking shows and comedies. Jean, "MiMi," truly loved watching her grandchildren succeed in their sports, hobbies and school, and talked about how proud she was of each of them. Though the last few years of her life brought multiple medical challenges, Jean fought bravely and without complaint. She will always be remembered by her beautiful smile and contagious laugh. She is preceded in death by her father, C.D. Giddiens and mother, Blanche (Caddell) Giddiens. Jean's family finds peace in the fact that she is now reunited with them in heaven.

She is survived by her loving husband of 49 years, Melvin Soderberg; daughters, Melissa Soderberg, Julie (Soderberg) Dohoney and husband, Eddie, and Sara (Soderberg) Staton and husband, Donald; nine beautiful grandchildren, Emma Schuetz, Lincoln Schuetz, Amity Dohoney, Nathan Harlos, Evelyn Dohoney, Emerson Dohoney, Brady Staton, Megan Staton and Gunnar Staton; her sisters, Virginia Thomas, Patsy Crabtree and husband, Roger Crabtree, and Judy Williams; and four loving nieces and a nephew.

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