

Jeralyn (Jerry) Zoeller Jackson

February 27, 1933 – January 10, 2021

Jeralyn Zoeller Jackson, 87, was born in San Antonio, TX, to Jerome H. and Dorothy Evins Zoeller on February 27, 1933, and passed away in Houston, TX, on January 10, 2021. Jerry attended the Incarnate Word College in San Antonio, now the University of the Incarnate Word. Very talented in music, she earned a bachelor's degree in music with a focus on piano performance and education. She also studied flute for a number of years. Jerry joined the Incarnate Word Community Orchestra at the age of 15 and continued in the orchestra until she graduated in 1956. Her father, Jerome Zoeller, conducted the Incarnate Word Community Orchestra; and prior to her graduation, she gave a spectacular performance of the Saint Saens Piano Concerto. After receiving the bachelor's degree, she enrolled in the master's program in music at the University of Texas, Austin, graduating in 1958. During her time at the University of Texas, she met her future husband, James Forbes Stuart Jackson, Jr. They married in 1960, and she and James raised their family in Stillwater, OK, where he was a professor of finance in the Spears School of Business at Oklahoma State University. Jerry also earned a bachelor's degree in English after moving to Stillwater. She was organist and music director at St. John Catholic Church, Stillwater, for a number of years, in addition to teaching private piano and flute lessons. Jerry is survived by her two sons, James Stuart Jackson (Julie Eilers), Houston, TX, and Edward Marsh Jackson (Lauren Dunlap), Long Beach, CA. She is also survived by four grandchildren and four siblings: Jerome H. Zoeller, Jr., James P. Zoeller (Harriet "Tommie"), Joyce Zoeller Douglas, and Jennifer M. Zoeller. A number of nieces and nephews also survive her. She was preceded in death by her husband, James, her daughter, Anne, her sister, Jacqueline Zoeller Bowers, and her parents.