



Marguerite A. Robbins

March 22, 1941 - March 30, 2019

Marguerite Ann Holzer Robbins, native of Hot Springs, Arkansas, died March 30, 2019, in Kearney, Nebraska, of complications due to Alzheimer's disease. Service and visitation will be at First Baptist Church, Friday, April 5, and interment will be at Crestview Memorial Park Cemetery, both in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Local arrangements are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Born March 22, 1941, in Hot Springs, to Richard Dee and Florence Elizabeth Rowe Holzer, Marguerite graduated from Hot Springs High School in 1958 as co-valedictorian. She attended Arkansas Polytechnic College (Arkansas Tech) in Russellville and married Lanny S. Robbins in June of 1959. Marguerite graduated with a B.A. in Language and Literature with certification to teach in 1962. She received her Masters in Language Arts in Communications from Arkansas Tech in 1993.

Marguerite loved teaching, and taught Freshman English at Hot Springs High School in the 1960's. She taught high school English and French in Iowa (1978), and Freshman English at Arkansas Tech and Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, 1993-1995. Because the family frequently moved due to Lanny's career in the military and as a jail chaplain, Marguerite often worked other jobs as well, most often using her English training by working as a secretary or office manager. She was especially happy to be the journal secretary (proofreading and editing) for the Southwestern Journal of Theology while Lanny attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas (1973-76). In 1982, Marguerite worked for the IRS while living in Des Moines, Iowa, and later she used her financial skills to work as bookkeeper for various employers; she was also the secretary/treasurer for Garland County Jail Ministries, Inc., which Lanny founded in Hot Springs.

Marguerite was faithful in her love for Jesus Christ and expressed that to all she met through kindness, giving, and faithful intercessory prayer. With a contagious smile she was always willing to help others even when that meant sacrificing for self. She enjoyed serving alongside her husband Lanny in jail ministry, pastoring, and teaching adult Sunday School and Bible studies wherever she happened to live throughout her life. She loved exploring her family genealogy, reading and writing, and caring for her cats.

Marguerite is preceded in death by her parents and her husband Lanny in 2009. She is survived by her daughters Julie (Jeff) Frady of Wichita, KS, and Tricia (Scott) Murrish of Kearney, NE, and six grandchildren, Joelle and Jana Frady and Jarrad (Lindsey), Natalie, Noah (Mariah), and Ethan Murrish, sister-in-law Ravonna Martin, nieces and nephews, John Wing, Steve (Leslie) Wing, Lanie (Corky) Martin, and Suzie (Josh) Baxter, and numerous grand-nieces and grand-nephews.