



Joyce Knight Hadden

January 24, 1937 - September 2, 2017

JOYCE KNIGHT HADDEN, 80, of Birmingham, AL, went to be eternally in the glorious presence of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on September 2, 2017. A service celebrating Mrs. Hadden's life will be held Thursday, September 7, 2017 at Huffman Baptist Church, 700 Huffman Rd., Birmingham, AL. The service will begin at 10:00 a.m. The family will receive visitors in the Parlor Room at Huffman Baptist Church on Wednesday, September 6, 6-8 p.m. Mrs. Hadden was born in Gaffney, SC, on January 24, 1937. She was a member of the Murphy High School (Mobile, AL) class of 1955 and graduated summa cum laude from Birmingham-Southern College in 1974. She married her high school sweetheart Donald, her darling spouse of 60 years, on September 29th, 1956, and they lived in northeastern Jefferson County, AL, since 1960. Mrs. Hadden taught fourth grade at Pinson Elementary School in Jefferson County for over twenty years and always delighted in working with young children. Mrs. Hadden treasured the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ and was a faithful member of Huffman Baptist Church since 1966. She served as a children's Sunday School teacher and Bible Drill teacher, assisted with children's choir and chaperoned as many as twenty youth choir tours, played in the handbell choir, sang in the adult choir, and actively participated in many church ministries. Her love for God was evident in her love for others. She was beloved by many in both her church and the local community. She always joyfully gave of her time to help and encourage others and did so until just days before her home going. Mrs. Hadden volunteered with Rotary

International, assisting her husband when he joined the Birmingham-East Rotary Club in 1976 and when he served as District Governor for District 6860 in 2003-2004. She was a Paul Harris Fellow and was recognized by Rotary International for her participation in the Jamaican Low Vision Project. Mrs. Hadden is preceded in death by her parents, Mrs. Ollie Mae Knight and Mr. Paul Ivory Knight Sr., and her brother Raymond Monroe Knight. Mrs. Hadden is survived by her husband Donald Lee Hadden; her two daughters Debbie (George) Zekoff of Birmingham, AL, and Shelley (Randy) Smith of Culpeper, VA; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; her sister Kay (Terry) Sutton of Chelsea, AL; and her brother Paul (Virginia) Knight Jr., of Biloxi, MS. Mrs. Hadden loved music and great hymns of the faith. One of her favorites declares "To the old rugged cross, I will ever be true, its shame and reproach gladly bear; then He'll call me some day to my home far away where his glory forever I'll share" (George Bennard, 1912).

Memorial donations in lieu of flowers may be made to Heifer International (www.heifer.org), a charity organization loved and supported by Mrs. Hadden. Services by Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Jeffeson Memorial Gardens

1591 Gasdsden Hwy
Trussville, AL 35235

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Huffman Baptist Church
700 Huffman Rd
Birmingham, AL 35215

Celebration of Life

SEP 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

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