



## Mary Joan McGuire

August 31, 1935 - September 6, 2022

Mary “Joan” Thornton McGuire was named after her parents Mary Agnus Smith Thornton and Jon Baugh Thornton. She was born in Siluria, Alabama on August 31, 1935. She has been described as thoughtful, a Christian lady, loving, kind, helpful, “the energizer bunny”, courageous, dedicated, strong, and above all else “mom”. Her sister, Myra Ruth Thornton Reiningger came along two years later and they grew up just outside of Birmingham, in West End, AL. They were raised in a house behind the family store. She met Leon Wills McGuire at church and that is where they had their first date. They married on the 25th of July and were blessed with Lori Beth, Mark Gentry and Joel Allen. She was an accomplished secretary, but loved working at Jefferson Christian Academy and Heritage Place Church of Christ most. She loved being a part of the “Good Sam” committee, that assisted people that were hurting. She retired recently, and due to health issues she passed away on Tuesday. She was preceded in death by her parents, sister and her beloved husband. She is survived by her children daughter Lori DeVine (Larry Powell), and sons in Mark Gentry McGuire (Lorrie Hicks), and Joel Allen McGuire, and her beloved grandchildren and great grandchildren Katie DeVine Brackett (Scott), Blake, Evan. Christopher DeVine (Jessica), Jaleigh, Damon, Jameson, Alyssa. Brandon DeVine (Natasha), Noah, Rylee, Lauren DeVine (Frank Williams), Leilani, Corinne. Mary Kaylea McGuire Johnson (Kevin), Kurt, Klay. Jacey Madison McGuire (Alex Moore), Lacey Pickle and Owen Nettles. A special word of thanks to the staff at Attalla rehab for going above and beyond, for blessing mom like they have. A celebration of her life will be on Sunday, September 11th 2022 at 1:00 at Heritage Place Church of Christ in Irondale, Alabama. She was loved by us and so many, beyond words and will be greatly missed! In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made to the Heritage Place Church of Christ the Good Samaritan Fund.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I knew Mrs. McGuire while she worked at JCA and she was always a very kind and generous lady. I know she will be missed by all those knowing her. My condolences to her entire family. Sincerely, Joe Lee

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**Joe Lee** - December 20, 2022 at 06:06 PM

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“ The Mother I'd never had, and when I needed her the most. She taught me what unconditional love really looks and feels like. I've loved her since I met her and I'll miss her until we meet again.

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**David** - September 08, 2022 at 07:45 PM