



Worthington, Mary Jo Hajek

1928-2019

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Newark ~ Mary Jo Worthington, 91, retired school teacher, passed away Monday, Nov. 25, 2019, in Decatur.

Funeral is 12:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2 at Chapel of the Chimes in Laurel Land Memorial Park of Fort Worth.

Visitation is 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Laurel Land.

Mary Jo taught school for more than 20 years in the Newark and Boyd elementary schools. She was the favorite teacher of numerous students, who even to this day continue to voice that sentiment. She was a member of First Baptist Church Newark for 60 years. Her kind, gracious and positive demeanor are an outflow of her often stated belief, "God is in His heaven and all is right with the world."

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ray Worthington; son, Tim Worthington; brother, Edward Hajek; and sister, Jeanene Richardson.

She is survived by her daughters, Julie Self and husband, Lynn, of Azle, Patia Moncrief and husband, Carey, of Newark; grandchildren Jessica Ramey, Lana Worthington, Joshua Worthington and Chanlor Fresh; 11 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She is also survived by sisters Juliet Taylor and Norma Daniel, both of Fort Worth, Helen McDonald and Sharon Matzner, both of Burleson; brothers Wilber Hajek of Lebanon, Tenn., Ted Hajek and wife, Judy, of Burleson; numerous nieces and nephews; and those who called her grandmother because she welcomed them as her family.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer Association, alz.org.