

**Upton, Joyce Ann (Gilkerson)**



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Joyce Ann Upton

Decatur ~ Joyce Ann Upton, 70, went to be with our Lord Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2021, in Keller.

Funeral service is 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at the First Baptist Church in Decatur with burial at Oaklawn Cemetery. Family will receive friends 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Hawkins Funeral Home in Decatur.

Dr. David Lowrie will officiate.

Joyce was born Aug. 26, 1950, to Ray and Florence (Pennington) Gilkerson in Fairfax, Va. She was united in marriage May 1, 1968, to James Roland Upton in Fayetteville, N.C. Joyce graduated with an associate's degree in postal administration, retiring as Post Master after many years working for the government. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Decatur.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roland Upton; and her sister, Janice Southerland.

Those left behind to cherish her memory are her son, Jerry Upton and wife, Anne, of Paradise; her daughter, Tanya Upton Wilson and husband, Rick, of Decatur; seven grandchildren, Lane, Cheyanne, Tara, Colton, Preston, Dalton and Chase; two great-grandchildren, Christian and Emerson; two sisters, Nita Sue Brooks of Winchester, Va., and Brenda Ray Marks of Reed, Va.; extended family members; and a host of friends.

The family requests donations be made to Wise Choices Pregnancy Resource Center.

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