



Freeman, Martha Virginia (Castleberry)

1931-2022

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On Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2022, Martha Freeman, loving wife and mother, passed away at home with her daughter, Frances, by her side. She was 91.

Martha was born in Allison, and attended primary schools in Allison and Slidell. After graduating high school, she attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. She married the love of her life, Kenneth Freeman, on Dec. 17, 1948, and was blissfully wed for 63 years until he was called home in 2011. Together, they participated in many community and PTA events throughout their active lives.

Martha was known for the tireless support of her husband's educational endeavors and midlife career moves. She typed his college thesis papers, raised three daughters and kept the home fires burning while Kenneth worked and went to school. She also stayed

busy writing columns for local newspapers and working for the postal service while Kenneth was employed as a teacher and high school principal.

In more recent times, Martha reigned for five years as Ms. Senior Wise County. She took the honor seriously, and approached her role with a civic-minded spirit. She participated in ribbon cuttings, store openings, parades and other area events, representing the title as best she could. She was grateful for the opportunity to serve her community.

She loved playing the piano for her church, writing poetry, researching genealogy and collecting photographs for her many photo albums. Martha will be remembered as gracious and joyful by her loved ones. She is survived by two of her three daughters, Frances Freeman of Decatur, and Carolyn Freeman of Mission Viejo, Calif.; grandchildren, Kenney Finch and Angela Haggerty; sisters, Clara Knox and Joy Patton; brother, Jerry Caddell; great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of lifelong friends.

Martha was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth; her parents, Ernest (Cap) and Catherine Castleberry; two sisters, Susie Freeman and Sandra Ferguson; and daughter, Teresa Freeman Barnes.

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 20 at Owls Activity Center, 1200 N. Miller, Decatur.

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