

Joyce Marshall Porter | 1935-2016

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Joyce Marshall Porter, 81, of Springtown, died Monday, Oct. 7, 2016, in Decatur. Memorial service is 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at Outreach of Love Church in Springtown. Decatur Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Joyce was born Jan. 10, 1935, in Shreveport, La., to Joe Lee and Clarice Peddy Marshall. She had a sunny disposition. She was caring and generous. She loved to laugh, and loved her family, children and animals.

Throughout her life, she worked with children. In Springtown, she retired from Hope Lutheran Church as a pre-school teacher. She enjoyed watching kids grow and learn. Joyce enjoyed crafting and gardening. She loved Jesus and attended Outreach of Love Church. After retirement, she spent a lot of time with her sweet wiener-dog, Pepper. She walked him daily and sometimes drank coffee outside while he puttered around the yard. Joyce always had a love for horses and Texas. She lived in both Texas and Louisiana but ultimately was a Texas girl at heart. Her daughters grew up riding horses with her, and she passed her love of horses on to several of her grandchildren. Both of her daughters have horses and Longhorn cattle. Joyce enjoyed going to see the new calves when they were born.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son Thomas E. Porter III; sister Jo Ann Erp; and former husband Thomas E. Porter Jr. Joyce is survived by her daughters, Amy Lynch of Greenville and Nancy Long and husband, Michael, of Springtown; granddaughters Ryan Long of Austin and Kimberly Hermes and husband, Scott, of Austin; grandsons Cody Long of Springtown and Chris Lynch and wife, Michelle, of Caddo Mills; great-granddaughters Ridley Hermes, McKinley Lynch and Bailey Lynch; great-grandson Daegen Hermes; and other family and friends.