



Major Helen Barner

Major Helen Maria Duncan Barner, USAF (Retired), 64, passed away on December 17, 2015 at Methodist Hospital in Sugar Land, Texas. She was born on January 7, 1951, in Biloxi, Mississippi, to James and Elaine Duncan. She graduated from Biloxi High School in 1969. She attended the University of Texas Health Science Center in Dallas, Texas, where she received a Bachelor of Science with Certificate in Physical Therapy in 1973. She also received a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Nebraska in 1993. She served with distinction in the United States Air Force as an officer in charge of Physical Therapy at hospitals, both domestic and international, including active duty service during Desert Storm. Helen was a member of the Geriatric, Orthopedic, and Acute Care Sections of the American Physical Therapy Association. She enjoyed reading, sewing, caring for her pets, and watching movies. Helen enjoyed singing in the choir at Oakhurst Baptist Church in Clarksdale, Mississippi, where she served until she moved to Houston, Texas, to be closer to family. Helen is survived by her brother, James W Duncan, and sister-in-law, Denise Duncan, her nephews, James Bradley Duncan and Gregory Hayes Duncan, her niece, Melissa Rae Duncan Dickson, and her grand-nephews, Taylor Duncan, Blake Duncan, and Grayson Dickson, all of Houston, Texas. Helen was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Barbara Elaine Duncan. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to local SPCA or pet shelters, local churches, or the American Cancer Society.