



Patsy Jean Alexander

"I lay down and slept, yet I woke up in safety, for the Lord was watching over me." Psalm 3:5

And with her final breath, at the dawn of January 10, 2017, Patsy Jean "Pat" Alexander moved to her eternal residence with her Lord and Savior and with loved ones who were anxiously awaiting her arrival. The youngest child of Jewel and Cecile Crowson, Pat was born in Texarkana, Arkansas on January 17, 1936. She is preceded in death by her parents, her sister Audean Crowson Allman, her brother Jimmy Crowson and her brother-in-law Doug Allman. Pat spent her childhood in Texarkana nurturing her love of all things Elvis Presley, a devotion that was evident even on her last Christmas with her slew of Elvis related Christmas presents.

Pat and her children moved from Texarkana to Houston in 1971 to begin a new chapter in their lives. Her career with Baker & Botts law firm spanned 32 years, and after retiring in 2005, she remained lifelong friends with the partners of the firm she had supported and with many of her coworkers. Pat spent her life passionate for and dedicated to serving God. She was a member and eager volunteer of Second Baptist Church since 1988, joining the choir six months later. She became Vice President of Choir Membership in 1998, a job which she defined by greeting everyone by name and with her ability to make everyone feel welcomed and loved. With the Second Baptist Choir, she had the opportunity to sing in many programs including one of her favorites, the Singing Christmas Tree. In 2006 she joined Community Bible

Study where her positive attitude and sweet spirit were an inspiration to her group. In all of her endeavors, she showed a remarkable ability to connect with people.

Pat loved nature and animals. She worked tirelessly as director of landscape of her homeowners' association to make and keep their townhome community colorful and park-like. A pet owner for all of her life, she loved her cats and befriended every dog she met.

In her retirement, Pat traveled Texas and the globe to spend time with family. After her 2009 cancer diagnosis, she gave them more than seven precious years they thought they might never have with her.

Pat was an advocate. The Houston Chronicle will now close the drawers on the file cabinet filled with the many letters that Pat wrote to the editor on various subjects over the years. Pat was not one to let her voice go unheard. She leaves behind what she was most proud of: her son Gary Alexander of Austin, Texas, her daughter, Gayle Alexander Greenthaner of the Netherlands, and her son-in-law David Greenthaner. She will never be forgotten by her grandchildren Katelin Calvert East, Jake Alexander, Stephanie Greenthaner, Kristi Greenthaner Olavesen and Ben Greenthaner or her six great-grandchildren. She will always be the favorite aunt to her nieces Ann, Lisa and Lori and her nephew Dennis who were with their much-loved aunt during her final days.

A memorial service will be held in the sanctuary of Second Baptist Church, Houston, Woodway on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at 11:00 am.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Citizens for Animal Protection, <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/CitizensforAnimalProtection>; MD Anderson Cancer Center, <https://www.mdanderson.org/donors-volunteers/donate/honor-loved-ones.html>; or Houston Hospice, <http://www.houstonhospice.org/home.aspx>;

As her family and friends, we cry for our loss but Pat told us over and over "It's good" and it is.