



Marjorie A. Beane

January 29, 1932 - March 30, 2020

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Marjorie A. (Johnson) Beane, cherished wife, mother, mother-in-law, aunt, sister, and friend, passed away peacefully on Monday, March 30, 2020. She truly was an angel sent to earth, and we are blessed and honored to have loved her for so many years before God welcomed her back to heaven.

Marjorie was the youngest child of Joseph and Hattie Johnson born on January 29, 1932 in Rockford, Illinois. She spent her childhood in Rockford and graduated from West High School before earning a music scholarship from Shurtleff College in Alton. While attending college in 1954, Marjorie met and married her loving husband of 65 years, Herschel F. Beane, at the First Presbyterian Church. After graduating from Shurtleff in 1955, she and Herschel lived and worked in Springfield, Missouri where they stayed for 10 years before moving back to their beautiful farm in Godfrey. Their happy family grew in 1964 when devoted daughter Belinda was born and was complete by 1988 when they welcomed their much-loved son-in-law Lance Feezel to the family.

Music played a significant role in Marjorie's life. She had an outstanding singing voice and performed in many area concerts, musicals, and choirs. She played the piano beautifully, and often visited area churches and retirement

homes to play and sing favorite requests for friends and family. Marjorie taught music for 35+ years in the Rogersville, Missouri, Alton, and Jersey Community School Systems. She enjoyed teaching, but was truly delighted by helping her many wonderful students learn to love and appreciate music as she did.

Marjorie was the long-time director of choir for the College Avenue Presbyterian Church and Godfrey Community Congregational Church. She also founded the Godfrey Girls Chorus in the 1970s, made up of more than 20 talented grade-school girls. For several years, with the excellent accompaniment of Sandy Beckman and Ida Rogers, this chorus was well known throughout the Riverbend area and performed at many events and church services.

Marjorie was a devout Christian and most recently shared her unwavering faith in God with friends at Godfrey United Methodist Church. She loved her family more than anything, and so many people were deeply touched throughout their lives by her kindness, caring nature, and sincere joy for life. Her family is grateful to all of her friends, acquaintances, and former students for bringing such joy and happiness to her life.

She is survived by her husband Herschel, daughter and son-in-law Belinda and Lance Feezel, sister-in-law Elizabeth Beane, and many treasured nieces, nephews, and dear friends. Marjorie was preceded in death by her parents; brother William Johnson; and sisters Francis Fisher and Doris Horack.

Gent Funeral Home in Alton is entrusted with all arrangements, and final services for Marjorie will be held privately. If friends or family wish to send a memorial in her honor, please donate to Godfrey United Methodist Church on Airport Road. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Marjorie A. Beane*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Marjorie A. Beane*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *I so enjoyed singing under Margie's direction for many years. She was patient and offered excellent direction. Prayers going out for comfort and healing for family and close friends during this difficult time.*

Barb Mendenhall Wepler - April 04, 2020 at 08:51 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Marjorie A. Beane.*



April 02, 2020 at 12:19 PM



“ *I will miss Marge she has taught me a lot of interesting things in last few years always a interesting story to listen to. Prayers to family*

Shelley Ottwell - April 02, 2020 at 12:17 PM

DC

“ *Belinda, deepest sympathy on the loss of your mom. Debbie (Cox) Clothier*

Debbie Clothier - April 02, 2020 at 07:37 AM

KJ

“ *Belinda, I'm so very sorry to hear about your mom. She was my first band and chorus teacher at West Elementary. She was such a special lady and passed a lot of that onto you I learned when I use to work with you. She would be happy to know that I have a son graduating high school this year in Texas. He's going to be a music major and hopes to be a band instructor in the future. Thank you for all of the wonderful memories Mrs. Beane. You were one special lady. I've shared a lot of my early band stories with my son over the years.*

Kina (Gulledge) Jones

Kina Jones - April 02, 2020 at 02:03 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Marjorie A. Beane.*



April 01, 2020 at 11:22 PM

LB

“ *I learned so much from this wonderful lady. I had the upmost respect for her. She had a group of 16 girls that she taught a lot of music, singing and dancing around the Maypole. She gave me the greatest memories. Thank you for caring so much for your students.*

Linda (Gulledge) Bechtold - April 01, 2020 at 09:56 PM

GH

“Greatest person I ever knew. She was my music teacher. She was loved by everyone and she loved everyone. God took his precious angel home but we will see her again in heaven. God bless and comfort the family. Mrs Bean was special

greg harding - April 01, 2020 at 04:54 PM

VM

I was blessed to have been taught by her and have fond memories. May God hold her loved ones close during this time.

Vickie Harding Morris - April 01, 2020 at 07:09 PM

GL

“Marjorie was such a beautiful and gracious soul. My daughters enjoyed their time in the Godfrey Girls' Chorus and asked to take piano lessons because of Marjorie. I had several connections with the Beane family, including Belinda, through the years. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this most difficult time.

Glenda Link - April 01, 2020 at 02:32 PM