



Gloria Ann Geiger Knox

November 7, 1932 - July 24, 2022

Gloria Ann Geiger Knox, 89, passed peacefully on July 24, 2022 after a brief illness. Born in Boaz, Alabama, Gloria grew up in Rome, Georgia and Panama City, Florida, graduating from Bay County High School in 1951. Gloria enthusiastically enjoyed her high school years with extracurricular interests including the bugle corps, drama, photography, and art.

In 1952, Gloria met and married John “Jack” Raymond Knox. They met in Panama City, Florida. Jack’s Air Force service took them to Selma, Alabama, Greenville, Mississippi, Bitburg, Germany, Rapid City, South Dakota, Goldsboro, North Carolina, eventually settling in Fort Walton Beach, Florida where they have lived since 1970.

For many years, Gloria was employed at the Army Air Force Exchange Service, Ellsworth Air Force Base and Hurlburt Field, and, in addition to enjoying her work, she also formed a number of lasting friendships.

Gloria was an avid Florida State University football fan who rarely missed a home game, including tailgates, enjoyed traveling to bowl games, and was fond of watching game replays to carefully study team performance.

A woman of strong faith, Gloria was a longtime member of Fort Walton Beach First United Methodist Church.

She is preceded in death by her husband Jack Knox, her parents Charles O. Geiger and Ila R. Geiger, and her sister, Bettye Jean Head. Gloria is survived by her children Craig Knox (Anna Cam Fentriss) of Tallahassee, Florida, and Kathy DeVaux (Billy DeVaux) of Longview, Texas; grandchildren William Zachary DeVaux and Brittany Ann DeVaux of Longview, Texas; great grandchildren Winston Nolen DeVaux, Kyler Lane DeVaux, and Korbyn Devon Daniels, of Longview, Texas; and nephew Mike Head (Pam) of Indian Springs, North Carolina, and niece Susan Coggin (Ed Jenkins) of Newnan, Georgia.

The family will hold a memorial service at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Gloria Knox to Fort Walton Beach First United Methodist Church, 103 First Street SE, Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32548, telephone 850-243-9292, or online at www.fwbfumc.org.

Kelly Barber of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Knox family with their arrangements.

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“ I am proud to be named after my Aunt Gloria. She was a fiercely independent woman, (like her Mother and sister) who loved her family and her football.

Growing up, I as always in awe of the many places Aunt Gloria and Uncle Jack lived. I still remember their visit before they moved to Germany. It was a hot summer day and we gathered in Mama and Daddy Geiger's backyard and made pictures. I think I was 6, and Germany was a world away to me. How cool was it to live in Germany! Aunt Gloria sent me the best gifts from Germany, a cuckoo clock, wooden shoes and 2 beautiful dolls. After 3 years, they moved to South Dakota. I remember taking Mama Geiger to the bus station so she could travel to South Dakota to visit. Eventually they moved to Fort Walton Beach and that was home. Visits to FWB were to bring Mama Geiger for a visit and for Kathy and Billy's wedding. My last extended visit with the family was when Craig and Cam were married. It was a special time for us to reconnect with family.

These are just a few of my many memories! Sending love and hugs to Craig, Kathy and their families. Gloria Susan Coggin

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