



Hazel Ann Hoelscher Anderson

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Hazel Ann Hoelscher Anderson, 85, resident of Germantown, TN for 50 years, passed away on December 20th at her home in HarborChase of Germantown.

Hazel was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 50 years, J.R. Anderson, her parents, Henry and Victoria Hoelscher, and her siblings Harry Hoelscher, Clara Norton, Victoria Karp, and Julian Hoelscher. She is survived by her four children: Mark (Stephanie) Anderson, Susan Anderson, Sharon (Tim) Donovan, and Keith (Amy) Anderson and nine grandchildren: Timothy (Sydney) Donovan, Katherine (Luke) Dean, Connor Anderson, Hallie Anderson, Luke Donovan, William Anderson, Ben Anderson, Michael Anderson, and Liza Anderson. Hazel also leaves her beloved nieces, nephews, and close family friends to cherish their fond memories of her.

Hazel was born in Atlanta on September 15, 1937. She was a talented student and, at the suggestion of her school counselor, she applied for and received a scholarship to attend college. She graduated from Emory University, married J.R., and after a brief time in New York, settled in Germantown, TN in 1969 where they raised their children in the house they lived in and loved for 50 years. Hazel also earned a Master's Degree in Religious Education from Loyola University. She was a gifted educator, teaching children at both St. Louis Catholic School and St. Agnes Academy, before ultimately becoming the Director of Religious Education at Catholic Church of the Holy Spirit — a position she held for over twenty years. Through her leadership of a large and dynamic catechetical program, she led more than a thousand children and their families closer to God. Church of the Holy Spirit was truly Hazel's home. She and J.R. were founding members and very active in its many ministries as well as the Cursillo movement and Birthright of Memphis.

Above all, Hazel was a devoted and loving wife and mother, and she was a perfect example of grace — always relying on her faith through all of life's challenges. She loved learning, gardening, spending time with her children and grandchildren, and supporting J.R. in all of his crazy endeavors (she would often roll her eyes and exclaim, "Oh, J.R.!"). We will miss her, but we take comfort in knowing she and J.R. are together again in heaven.



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A Memorial Mass will be held at the Catholic Church of the Holy Spirit (2300 Hickory Crest Drive, Memphis 38119) at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, January 14, 2023. The family will receive guest starting at 12:00 p.m.

The family appreciates the prayers and support they have received and the assistance of Hazel's amazing caregivers these last few months. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Haiti Medical Missions of Memphis, Church Health Center, or Birthright of Memphis.




Events


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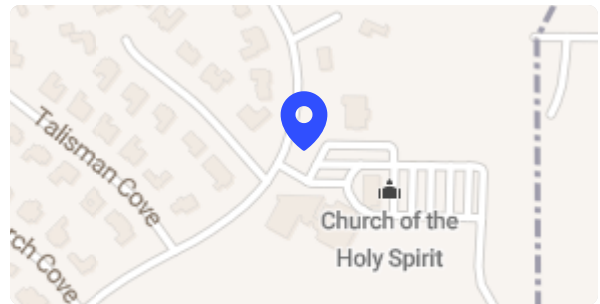
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Memorial Visitation

 **Saturday**, January 14, 2023

 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CT


 **Catholic Church of the Holy Spirit**
2300 Hickory Crest Dr., Memphis TN 38119

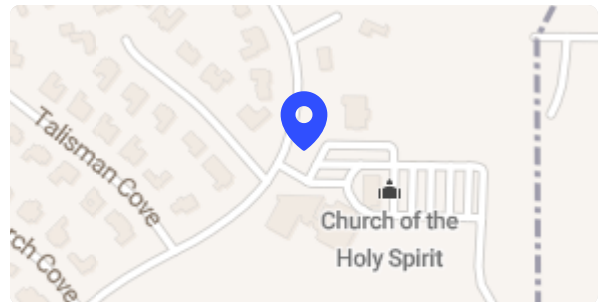


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RJ

Riki Jackson lit a candle in honor of Hazel Ann.

I will always remember your sweet mom in the times we would come home and visit during college when we went to the antique shops together, and I would stop by your house first. She was kind and sweet. I know she was so proud of each one of you. Sending love your way with your transition with this very tough loss. I'm so thankful she finally gets to be with your sweet dad. Without a doubt, I know she was welcomed home with the words we all hope to hear one day, "Well done my good and faithful servant. Well done." Praying for your sweet family. Isaiah 40:31



December 21 at 2:29 PM

PF

Phyllis Francis posted:

I will always smile when I remember the time I went to St. Louis school to pick up our Mark. I knew Mark Anderson was in the same grade so I called out "Mark Patrick " thinking I would get Mark Francis. Well they Both turned around and started to come to me! Hazel and I laughed that our sons were named the same. Hazel had a beautiful smile and laugh. Loved being around her. Will keep her and the family in my prayers.

December 21 at 8:45 AM

JR

John Rose posted:

I'm so sad to learn of Hazel's passing. I was in 3rd grade when I first met her as a student of CCD at Holy Spirit and parishioner. I was always afraid of her when I was young because she was the strong, stern teacher type, but as I grew up, I knew her as the kind, sweet person she was. I will miss you Mrs. Anderson. I know you were welcomed into your eternal reward. Love you Always, John Rose

December 20 at 6:28 PM

JT

Jeff Tadin posted:

I had Mrs. Anderson as a teacher at St. Dominic in the early 80s. She was a wonderful teacher and so patient with a bunch of rambunctious teenage boys. We both went to Holy Spirit Catholic Church in East Memphis and I would see her every weekend. Always had nice things to say and good memories of our time together. She will be missed.

December 20 at 4:32 PM



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Sarah Maston posted:

I will always cherish the time I spent with Hazel and JR at the ASHRAE events. I've never met more kind and genuine human beings. I'm also glad I had the opportunity to see Hazel again during the summer of '21. Big hugs to the Anderson clan on the loss of their matriarch. I hope as you mourn her passing, you remember all the wonderful times and the love you shared. I know her and JR's spirit carries on in each of you! ❤️ Love, Sarah Maston

December 20 at 2:21 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Hazel Ann by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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