



Janet Edman (Kihlgren) Beverage

July 21, 1930—December 3, 2020

Service: 2 pm, Thursday, December 17, 2020

Tahlequah City Cemetery

"But our citizenship is in Heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables Him to bring everything under His control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body.

Philippians 3:20,21

LIFE LESSONS LEARNED FROM MOM

- It's the little things that make life memorable with your family
- A life of service is a life well-lived
- Practice hospitality
- Orderliness in a home is a pleasant thing
- Sometimes, just listening is better than giving advice
- It's not the amount of the gift, it's the thoughtfulness behind it
- Look for the positive side
- Keep traditions — Swedish meatballs, platar, rice pudding/baked beans, brown bread, hotdogs
- Bringing family together over a homemade meal provides cohesiveness that lasts a lifetime
- Make the most of what you have without complaining — “a cheerful heart doeth good like a medicine” (bathroom plaque — Proverbs 17:22)
- Being a faithful wife and mother is a priceless gift to her children
- Live with what is and take one day at a time
- Always make a point to be gracious and thankful — a written note says a lot
- Take the scenic drive, even if it takes longer



If you have a memory of Janet you would like to share,
you can leave a note at www.janetbeverage.com

Children of the Heavenly Father

by Karolina W. Sandell-Berg (Sweden, 1832-1903)*

Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.

God His own doth tend and nourish;
In His holy courts they flourish;
From all evil things He spares them;
In His mighty arms He bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.

Praise the Lord in joyful numbers:
Your Protector never slumbers;
At the will of your Defender
Every foeman must surrender.

Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

*This hymn was one of Janet's favorites, perhaps in part because both the words and melody come from Sweden, her grandparents' birthplace.

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Janet Edman (Kihlgren) Beverage was born on July 21, 1930 on Staten Island, NY to Theodore and Lillian Kihlgren. She passed away on December 3, 2020 in Tulsa, Oklahoma and is survived by her three children — David, Susan and Peter, as well as daughters-in-law Tricia and Denise, son-in-law Brad, and five grandchildren — Jett, Beau, Michael, Jonathan and Joshua.

Janet moved to Berkeley Heights, NJ in 1940 where her father commuted in to NY to work as a metallurgist at the International Nickel Company. She grew up in a home that was always filled with music and hospitality, two things that were always very important to her. And her fondest memories often went back to the summers her family spent at the cabin on Swartswood Lake in New Jersey.

Upon receiving her teaching degree from Maryville College TN, Janet taught elementary school for one year under Presbyterian Mission in Dixon, NM. It was during this time that Janet met John Beverage at Camp of the Woods (Speculator, NY), in the summer of 1953. After four years of correspondence, they were married on May 25, 1957 and moved to Guatemala where they spent the next 15 years serving the Lord together as missionaries primarily to the Mam Indians.

In 1972, John and Janet moved to Dallas, TX where John took a position at Dallas Theological Seminary. The next twenty years were spent raising their three children and being active members of Reinhardt Bible Church. In addition to being wife and mother, which Janet loved, she sang in the choir, practiced hospitality, and used her organizational skills to assist in a doctor's office and then in the gifts department of Central American Mission. In 1994, she and John retired to Go Ye Village in Tahlequah, where they enjoyed seventeen wonderful years before John passed away in 2011. Go Ye Village continued to be Janet's home until her passing.

Today we celebrate Janet's life and many years of faithful service to the Lord. And though we grieve because we miss her, we also rejoice because we know that she did not see death — she saw, and sees, everlasting life. We know this because her trust was not in her own works or efforts to be right with God, but solely in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ — His substitutionary life, death and resurrection. She lives because our Savior lives. Hallelujah — What a Savior!

"For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast."

Ephesians 2:8-9