

Joyce Somheil Zambenini

Jul 24, 1932 - Jul 31, 2021 (Age 89)

Joyce was born in Baltimore, Maryland July 24, 1932 to Ralph F. Somheil and Mary Louise Heiliger. Her family returned to Brazil Indiana in 1938. She graduated from Brazil High School in 1950. She graduated from Indiana State University in 1954 with a degree in Home Economics and earned her MA from California State University, Long Beach. Joyce married Robert Zambenini on June 11, 1954 at James Connally AFB, Texas. She taught school at Citrus Park Florida from 1954 to 1956 and in Southern California during the 1970s. She was a proud U.S. Air Force spouse in many support roles during her husband's twenty-seven-year career and was also a partner in the family technical services business, Diamond Consulting Group.

Joyce confronted many personal medical issues with grace and a wonderful smile. A great lover of the Lord, she studied His word with zeal. She also did needlepoint, leaving a large body of work. She and her husband enjoyed many years of travel throughout the world and for over 20 years in their motor home.

Joyce is preceded in death by her parents, her son John D. Zambenini, and her brother Ralph Somheil. She is survived by husband Robert, son James Zambenini, daughter-in-law Pamela Zambenini, and grandchildren John Zambenini (Minda) and Audrey Roe (Caleb) along with four great-grandchildren, her brothers Robert Somheil (Mary Lee) and Eric Somheil (Linda) and sisters Mary Lou Britton and Diana Zengler (David).

Graveside Service and burial will take place October 8th , at 10AM at Riverside National Cemetery, in Riverside, CA 92518.. Reception will follow at Mission Inn Hotel in Riverside CA.

Memorials may be given to Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, 11600 Los Alamitos Blvd. Los Alamitos, CA 90720. She was an active member since 1963 and served in leadership roles.