



## Joyce Mickle Santen

January 12, 1932 - April 8, 2016

Joyce Santen, 84, of Charlotte, left this life for her eternity with Jesus, April 8th, surrounded by her children. Joyce was raised and educated by Sacred Heart Catholic boarding school in Belmont, NC and graduated with honors and continued her education at O'donoghue school in Charlotte, which today is "Charlotte Catholic". Joyce wanted to fly airplanes and her mother drove her to the Concord airport because she did not have a driver's license. Her instructor Charlie Santen, a commercial pilot examiner, who in WWII taught young men to be fighter pilots and was a professional wrestler, known as "Wally Dusek", taught Joyce to fly Piper airplanes. The love bug soon hit both of them and they married, went to Hawaii on a 6 month working honeymoon and then to Sydney Australia for 6 months on another working honeymoon. After a short stay in the states, Charlie then took Joyce around the world. They lived in New York City for a number of years and moved to Pennsylvania and lived there until there was a warrant issued for Charlie's arrest for beating up the police commissioner not knowing who he was. They then moved to Charlie's hometown, Kirksville, Missouri and finally settled in Charlotte, raised 2 children, Frank Dusek, who became a professional wrestler and an entrepreneur, and a daughter, Patti. A Memorial service was held at Devonshire Baptist Church, Monday, April 11th, at 2PM conducted by Dr. Gene Cole and family friend George South with the visitation starting at 1PM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Community Health Care and Hospice, 156 Corporate Blvd., Indian Trail, NC 28079 or Devonshire Baptist

Church, 6744 View Way, Charlotte, NC 28215.

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Friends and Family

APR 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Devonshire Baptist Church  
6744 View Way  
Charlotte, NC

## Celebration of Life Service

APR 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

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6744 View Way  
Charlotte, NC

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joyce Mickle Santen*

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *Joyce Mickle Santen*

October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ *Mama Joyce will be greatly missed by her Wal-Mart daughter! She was a special lady. You are in my thoughts & prayers. Love, Dardnell*



Dardnell - May 01, 2016 at 03:22 PM