



## Joyce Zorba

February 16, 1939 - March 20, 2022

The makers of Coke and Diet Dr Pepper have lost a loyal customer. Joyce Allen Zorba, age 83 of Stillwater, Oklahoma passed away Sunday, March 20, 2022, in Jacksboro, Texas. She was the eldest of three sisters, born February 16, 1939, in Enid, Oklahoma to Pat and Alice Yandell. Her father worked in the oil field so Joyce moved frequently when she was young. The family finally settled in Perry, Oklahoma when Joyce was nine. She graduated from Perry High School in 1957 where she participated in a variety of activities. Annual staff, Girls State, Senior Class Treasurer, Teen Town Council Treasurer, and the National Honor Society Secretary were only a few of her achievements. After graduating high school, Joyce attended the University of Oklahoma for one year and then returned to work in Perry. She began dating and ultimately married Jack Zorba in 1961. They moved to Stillwater where she helped Jack operate Zorbas Menswear. During that time, they welcomed two children into their family – Chad, and Jill. Joyce was a loving and caring mother dedicated to her family. She and Jack retired from the clothing business and entered real estate. In 1987, Joyce began a new career working for the Oklahoma State University Alumni Association, until finally retiring in 2015. Even though Joyce attended the University of Oklahoma, she was a diehard OSU fan and would tell family and friends she "bled orange." Jack and Joyce were long-time members of St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Stillwater where she was famous for coordinating the annual Lebanese dinner. Joyce was an excellent cook who learned the art of preparing Lebanese cuisine from Jack's mother.

She eventually began a catering business on the side. Exchanging recipes with family and friends brought her great joy. She also enjoyed meeting with friends to crochet. Still deeply rooted in their Christian faith, the couple eventually became members of Life Church in Stillwater.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 52 years Jack Zorba; her parents, Pat and Alice Yandell; brother and sister-in-law Rudolph and Twyla Zorba of Perry, Oklahoma; and brother-in-law Tom Walton of Grand Prairie, Texas.

She is survived by her sisters Pat Walton of Jacksboro, Texas, and Vicki Crowston and husband Eddie of Leavenworth, Washington; son Chad Zorba and wife Cindy of Flower Mound, Texas; daughter Jill Dighton and husband Ronnie of Stillwater. Grandchildren include Austen Zorba, Andie Zorba, Cody Zorba, Jace Zorba, Nathan Zorba, Haley Vermillion, Hannah (Noah) Dighton, and Hope Dighton. Nieces and nephews include Dana Walton Fore, Keri Walton Gilbreath, Courtney Crowston Wilkerson, Allison Crowston, Judi Zorba Clark, and Michael Zorba

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joyce Zorba*

October 09, 2023 at 04:16 AM



“ *Joyce Zorba*

January 28, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ *Loretta Martinez lit a candle in memory of Joyce Zorba*



**Loretta Martinez** - April 04, 2022 at 09:50 PM



“ *Sheree Hicks lit a candle in memory of Joyce Zorba*



**Sheree Hicks** - April 04, 2022 at 08:41 PM

JK

“ James And Debbie King lit a candle in memory of Joyce Zorba



James and Debbie King - March 23, 2022 at 08:18 PM

JM

“ Jr & Melba Mower lit a candle in memory of Joyce Zorba



Jr & Melba Mower - March 21, 2022 at 09:12 AM

LD

“ Lounetta Damron lit a candle in memory of Joyce Zorba



Lounetta Damron - March 21, 2022 at 08:56 AM

JK

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James and Debbie King - March 20, 2022 at 11:17 PM