



Jane Sidford Torell

September 9, 1929 - August 17, 2022

Jane Torell Obituary

Jane Sidford Torell, 92, passed away early in the morning on Wednesday, August 17, 2022, in the home of her son and daughter-in-law Jim and Rita Torell in Tifton, Georgia.

Jane was a proud graduate of the Emma Willard School, an all-girls school in Troy, New York, and Simmons University in Boston, Massachusetts. Born in 1929, Jane was an advocate of civil rights and women's issues and was among the first wave of women joining the field of business. After she and her husband John started their family by raising four children in five different states, Jane helped settle her family in Vinings, Georgia on Paces Lake. Ultimately she taught business classes and was the Distributive Education Director at Campbell (Smyrna) High School north of Atlanta. In that role, she addressed Governor Jimmy Carter and the Georgia Senate helping to establish Distributive Education Clubs of America Day in Georgia and was known as "DECA Jane" around the state. She proudly helped working class students achieve both in school and in the workplace. After moving to Dunedin, Florida and working in real estate with her husband, Jane retired to a life of public service, volunteering for several different organizations through Mease Hospital and working for social justice as a proud member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Clearwater.

Jane was preceded in death by her father and mother Henry and Harriett Sidford, her husband John and her granddaughter Erin Ann Smith. She is survived by her sister Polly Hodgkins and brother Jim Sidford; daughters Tekla Vanderplas, Diana Torell and Sarah Torell; her son and his wife Jim and Rita Torell; grandchildren Rick Vanderplas, Tyler Smith, John Torell, Claire Torell and Sallie Torell.

Further arrangements are pending. In lieu of flowers, the family requests making donations in her name to the American Civil Liberties Union.

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