

Janie Belle Johnson Sides Gardner
Dec. 30, 1952 - Dec. 21, 2014

Janie Belle Johnson Sides Gardner was born on December 30, 1952 at St. David's Hospital, Austin, Texas. She was preceded in death by her parents Douglas Roger Johnson, Jr. and Betty Jane Loos Johnson. She is survived by her husband, Colin Gardner with their beloved Yorkshire Terrier, Sparky. Her brother Steven Douglas Johnson and his wife Elise Stone Johnson of San Antonio. Her niece Kathryn Johnson Robinson, husband Bill Robinson, and nephew, Steven Douglas Johnson, Jr. of Houston. Great nieces and nephews include Liam and Nora Robinson. Janie graduated from Winston Churchill High School in San Antonio where she was Commander of the Drill Team, member of the Student Parliament and participated in many other clubs and activities. She attended the University of Texas and graduated from Trinity University in San Antonio with a degree in Sociology. She won numerous beauty contests throughout the years with her favorite being Runner Up Miss Kelly Air Force Base. Her first marriage was to Robert Cavin Hasslocher of San Antonio. Bobby's family owns the Jim's Coffee Shops and the Magic Time Machine in San Antonio and Austin. She then married Jim Sides, a successful Houston oil man who died in her arms at the age of 43 the morning after Christmas, 1983. At the time, he was assisting the German and Egyptian governments with extensive trouble oil and gas wells in the Gulf of Suez. Janie remained a widow for almost twenty years. She married Colin Gardner, a retired Aer Lingus Captain in the bush in Kruger National Park, South Africa in the summer of 2002. After selling Colin's extensive estate in Dublin, Ireland, they returned to live at the Hills of Lakeway in Austin Texas. Janie had a colorful life. Among other things in her lifetime, Janie counted numerous Kings, Queens, Princes, Marquesses, Duchesses, Prime Ministers, politicians, Hollywood movie stars, Academy award winners, Emmy award winners, Tony award winners, Grammy award winners, television stars, famous producers and directors, rock stars, and well.. people from all walks of life as her friends. Janie danced across the stages of life and loved every minute of it. Anyone who ever knew her when asked, would always say that she had the biggest heart and was the kindest person they ever knew.. and she was FUN!! Many of her friends in New York referred to her as the new Pearl Mesta. One of the highest compliments she ever received was from a famous public relations person in New York. When asked about Janie she said " Janie Sides is the only person I have ever known that can walk into a New York event in a room of a thousand people and an hour later can walk out and know practically

every one in the room's names, birthdays, the names of their children , their children's birthdays, their dog's names. etc. And not only that but everyone in the room will still be talking about how nice and funny Janie is an hour after she left."

Janie loved life and it loved her back - with grace, kindness, laughter, many good friends and many good times. Even during the bad times she was able to keep her sense of humor. For years, she had always said her "mantra" was a Bobby Jones (the golfer) quote that said " Play the ball as it lies." Later in life when times got hard and she had one health issue after another, she changed her "mantra" to be this: "I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE I AM GOING BUT I AM ON MY WAY!!!!" Janie requested that her interment be private. You may sign the on-line guest book at www.missionparks.com under the obituary section.