

Patricia Gibbons Franks, 85 years old of The Woodlands, Texas passed from this life on December 12, 2024. She was born on July 31, 1939 to Robert James Gibbons and Janice Teal Gibbons in Detroit, Michigan.

Patricia's family moved to Sheffield, Alabama when she was just a young girl. It was here where she met the love of her life, Jon Guy Franks when they were both in middle school. Patricia and Jon graduated from Sheffield High School and together went on to attend the University of Alabama. Patricia graduated in three years, receiving a Bachelor of Education. On August 13, 1960 they married, while Jon was still in school. On November 30, 1961 they had their first daughter, Wendy. Shortly after Jon graduated, they moved to Florida, where they continued to grow their family. On February 12, 1964 they had another daughter Jill and on April 5, 1965 they had their daughter Missy. Several years later the family moved to Houston, Texas where they met many life-long friends. Patricia became great at packing up their home as Jon's career took them to many different cities and states. They eventually settled back in Houston, Texas in 1983. It was there where Patricia went back to her passion of teaching, and became a Director of a Montessori school for many years.

Patricia was active in her church, enjoyed volunteering, and loved to cook and shop. Her famous cheese straws were a must have at family events, especially during the holidays. She loved her family and was the best Honey to her four grandchildren; Garrett, Lauren, Alyssa and Landon and her six great grandchildren; Brantley, Emma, Jaxon, Jack, Piper and Grayden.

Those left to cherish her memories are her daughter, Wendy Sousa and husband Carl from Montgomery, Texas, her granddaughter Lauren Wolford and husband Tyler from Prosper, Texas and their two children Jack and Piper and her grandson Landon Sousa and wife Bailey from Burbank, California.

Her daughter Jill Valentine and husband Kenny from Waller, Texas

Her daughter Missy Shuman and husband Tom from Plano, Texas her grandson Garrett Shuman and wife Heather from Melissa, Texas and their children Brantley, Emma, and Jaxon and her granddaughter Alyssa Moulthrop and husband Benjamin from Tomball, Texas and their son Grayden

Her sister Sarah Coll from Lynchburg, Virginia. Her aunt, JoAnn Brown from Marion, Indiana. Her sister-in-law, Didi Franks from Florence, Alabama. Her sister-in-law Alma Franks from Nashville, Tennessee. Numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by: Her husband Jon Guy Franks from Spring Texas who passed in 2006. Parents Robert James and Janice Teal Gibbons. Brother-in-law Hugh Coll.

Brother-in-law Robert Franks. Brother-in-law Michael Franks.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to New Danville in honor of Patricia Franks.

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## The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

*"An Inclusive Church Family: Loving, Sharing, and Serving Christ."*

*Service of Worship  
and*

*Witness to our Faith in the Resurrection*



*Given in Thanksgiving and Love for the life  
of*

*Patricia Gibbons Franks  
July 31, 1939—December 12, 2024*

*I thank my God every time I remember you.  
Philippians 1:3*

*Prelude*

*Bruce Xu*

*Meditation*

*Rev. Laura R. Grice*

*Welcome*

*\*Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer*

*Call to Worship*

*Psalm 124:8; John 14:27*

*Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.*

*Reflection*

*Lauren Wolford*

*"She's In the Sun, the Wind, the Rain"  
by Christy Ann Martine*

*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
I do not give to you as the world gives.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled,  
and do not let them be afraid*

*\*Hymn 649*

*Amazing Grace*

*\*Benediction*

*Postlude*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Praise*

*\*Hymn*

*In the Garden*

*Old Testament*

*Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*

*Job 19:25-27*

*Psalm 27: 13-14*

*Psalm 121*

*Isaiah 40:28-31*

*All are invited to a reception immediately  
following the service in the Church Fellowship Hall*

*A Family Remembers*

*Alyssa Moulthrop*

*New Testament Lessons*

*Romans 8:31-39*

*John 14:1-6, 25-27*

*Revelation 21: 1-7*

*\*Please stand*