

Psalm 23

*The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want .
He maketh me to lie down
in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul;
He leadeth me into the path
of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou prepares a table before me in the
presence of my enemies;
Thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life;
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.*



**Janet Underwood
Welford**

1946 ~ 2021

75 Years



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OBITUARY

Janet Underwood Welford of Mobile, AL passed into eternity on Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at the age of 75.

Born to John Wesley Underwood, Jr. and Macel Antrey Underwood, she was the middle of three children. She drew upon her deep faith in Christ and her devout, loving family to overcome childhood health obstacles including polio. She excelled academically, graduated from Murphy High School, attended the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa majoring in bacteriology, and was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority. In chemistry lab she met her true love Alvin; they married and enjoyed 47 years together.

She continued her education at University of Alabama in Huntsville, interning in medical technology. Later she found her calling as a librarian for Mobile Public Library and realized that she might help the person who cures cancer. Ironically, cancer and other health issues would challenge her but she conquered them every time with unwavering tenacity and strength. She was selfless and generous, serving as caregiver for both her mother and her husband with compassion and fortitude.

She devoted herself to her entire family, nurturing, guiding, and inspiring two children and five grandchildren, and she cherished her pets. She loved history and was a longtime member of the D'Iberville Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. With her mother she researched our genealogy thirteen generations back to the Mayflower. She expressed love with food and was a talented cook. She was a gifted pianist and writer, having several poems and stories published. She loved animals, art, and nature. Her favorite place was Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

She is preceded in death by her parents above, husband Alvin Welford of Mobile, AL, sister Priscilla Underwood (Joe) Hendrix of Seattle, WA, aunts, uncles, and brothers-in-law Joe (Cammie) Hendrix of Seattle, WA and Dr. Mack (Nettie Alice) Welford of Salem, VA. She is survived by brother Wes Underwood of Denver, CO, brother-in-law Calvin (Judy) Welford of Grand Bay, AL, son Stephen Welford of Mobile, AL, daughter Laura Welford (Vincent) Santiago of Mobile, AL, grandchildren Sheldon Welford, Braylen Welford, Jasmine Welford, Isabella Santiago, and Dominic Santiago, all of Mobile, AL, nieces Beth Poff of Salem, VA, Julie Greenhill of Charlottesville, VA, Drs. Catherine (Nick) Varney of Charlottesville, VA, and Jennifer (Gil) Johnson of Elberta, AL, nephews Eric Underwood of Magnolia Springs, AL, Scott (Nikki) Hendrix of Vancouver, WA, Justin Hendrix of Salt Lake City, UT, and Jeffrey Welford of Grand Bay, AL, cousins, and other relatives. She was the matriarch of our family and will be dearly missed.

The family will receive friends at 11am on Friday, January 7, 2022 at Mobile Memorial Gardens Funeral Home at 6040 Three Notch Road in Mobile. Funeral services will be held at noon with burial following at Mobile Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Janet Underwood Welford

In Loving Memory...

Born

November 10, 1946
Mobile, Alabama

Died

December 29, 2021
Mobile, Alabama

Chapel Service

Friday, January 7, 2022
12:00 PM

Mobile Memorial Gardens
Funeral Home

Mobile, Alabama

Interment

Mobile Memorial Gardens
Mobile, Alabama

The Chosen
by
Janet Underwood Welford

He walks across the sands of time,
His followers to proclaim,
Heading toward a fisherman's boat,
While calling out each name.

He climbs into the vessel
That drifts away from shore.
He places His hands upon the waves,
Creating ripples that stir and soar.

He views into the water
As we launch into the deep.
"Let down the nets," he summons,
A miracle for us to reap.

A bountiful catch thus filled our boat,
As our wonderment compounds and thrills.
Who is this stranger we ponder
That even fish obey His will?

He beckons, "Come follow me, and fear not;
For a new life you will find."
"I'll make you fishers of men,
To change this world of mine."

His identity to us is thus revealed,
As scriptures of old foretold.
The long awaited Christ and King,
Is Jesus, the Savior and God's only Son !

Will we cast our nets for this Savior?
Will we give him our best, our all?
Yes, we'll we follow this man called Jesus,
And become part of the family of God !

(Reference: Luke 5:1-11 King James Bible)

Heaven Bound

by

Janet Underwood Welford

On that day this body shall cease
And to glory my Soul's released,
Remember others that passed that day
Could also enter Heaven's way.

No matter our color, wealth, or deeds,
He is the Soul's most fervent need.
In Jesus Christ we must confess
And seek Him only above all rest.

So arm in arm and hand in hand
Our destiny is that Promised land.
Kindred souls we pray together
Each asking forgiveness from Him forever.

When at last, Heaven's gate we stand,
To our knees we bow with outstretched hands.
As opened books before us lay
Our lives, our sins, our thoughts displayed.

"Unworthy we are," our voices cried
For standing before us the reason why:
The King of Kings, the Lamb of God, the Holy One
The Cross, His suffering, the sacrifice He's done.

Our sins forgiven, the slate erased,
Christ Jesus has saved us by His Grace.
Heaven's gate now opened, we enter in
Rejoicing and singing our praises to Him.

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