

Jacklene Faith Kyger Tortorella

9/09/1952 – 9/21/2018

Burial location in St. Mary Cemetery is S10-02-10-02.

Obituary was received from her husband, Larry Tortorella, in 2025.

Jackie Kyger Tortorella, age 66, died at Methodist Hospital, Olive Branch, MS on September 21, 2018, after a long battle with various illnesses.

She was the beloved daughter of Jack and Margie Ewers Kyger. She is survived by her husband of 27 years Larry Tortorella; her brother Dennis Kyger (Las Vegas, Nevada); and her son Jack Powels (Jacksonville, Florida) and many loving nieces and nephews.

Jackie was selfless in her devotion to her Catholic faith serving as a Third Order Nun of St. Franciscan Order (OFS). Her kindness and compassion touched everyone who came to know her. She loved all living creatures and never passed up an opportunity to help an animal in need. She will be deeply missed by her family and cats (Minnie, Zorro and Jasper) as well as her service dog, Hank.

Throughout her life, Jackie valued education, science and the advancement of knowledge. She was a graduate of Savanna High School (class of 1970) and graduated from LaSalle University with a Bachelor's Degree and a Master's Degree in American English and Spanish. Jackie was fluent in five languages (English, German, Italian, Spanish and Greek).

She retired as an Operations Manager at Federal Express. Jackie was an avid reader and writer and published a children's book, [Our Father: Living the Lord's Prayer](#).

As a final testament to her utmost care for others, Jackie donated her body to support the advancement of medical research.