

CHERYL KISH

February 7, 1944--September 6, 2022

Cheryl Ann Pope Kish, age 78 passed away Tuesday evening, September 6, 2022, at the Westbury Center of Jackson for Nursing and Healing. She was born Monday, February 7, 1944, in Griffin, Georgia, to the late Walter Darden "Dick" Pope and Mervyn Thaxton Pope.

Cheryl graduated from Jackson High School with the class of 1962. She then earned a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from Piedmont College of Nursing & the Medical College of Georgia, a Masters from Georgia State University, and a Doctorate of Education from the University of Georgia. As a life-long learner, she went on to obtain her Nurse Practitioner certification by way of the University of Texas, El Paso. Throughout her lengthy career, she served the middle Georgia area as a Labor & Delivery RN, a nursing professor at Gordon College, Macon State College and Georgia College & State University, finishing her career in nursing education as the interim Dean of the College of Health Sciences at GC&SU. After her retirement from the University System of Georgia, she continued her work in the nursing education field as a nursing school accreditation consultant for the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, traveling the USA and as far away as Saudi Arabia, helping colleges and universities with their nursing program accreditation.

Cheryl was also very active in her community, serving as Executive Director of the Butts County Pregnancy Center, a member of the Board of Directors of WellStar Sylvan Grove Hospital, and a member of the First Baptist Church of Jackson where she served on international missions and as a teacher for the Senior Adult Women's Sunday

School Class for many years. In her limited spare time, she loved to travel, most notably several trips to Ireland (her favorite) and was an avid football fan, cheering on her UGA Dawgs and the Green Bay Packers.

Cheryl is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Brian & Angela Kish, and three grandchildren; Morgan Kish, Andrew Kish and Elizabeth Kish, all of Jackson.