

Obituary: Sandra Mayo

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Sandra Mayo is pictured with her husband of 60 years, Benny.**Sandra Jo Snipes Mayo**, a faithful member of Hillcrest Baptist Church in Cedar Hill, died April 29, six days before her 79th birthday. She was born in Brownwood, and she trusted Jesus as her Savior and was baptized at Jones Chapel Baptist Church in nearby Early when she was 9. She was an outstanding basketball player and met the love of her life, Benny Mayo, a Howard Payne University student, her senior year at Early High school. They married in March 1956. She attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary while he was a student there. She loved sports and worked with youth in churches where her husband served as minister of education and youth. She also counseled youth in her home and took them to camp. She was a gifted decorator for parties and banquets, and her humor provoked smiles and laughter. Her favorite Scripture passage was Proverbs 3:5-6. She is survived by her husband of 60 years; daughters, Penny Varian and Kitty Yntema; grandchildren Charis Robison, Austen Varian, Hannah Hughes, Zachary Foster, Nathan Foster, Ben Foster, Owen Yntema and Ethan Yntema; great-grandchildren, Rhett Robison, Ladd Robison, Colton Varian, Sadie Beyers and Harrison Hughes; brothers, Weyland Snipes and Jack Snipes; aunt, Mickey Mathis; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, Worth and Ileta Snipes; sister, Wynell Snipes Winslett; and brother, Tommy Snipes.