



## Josie Stukes

May 29, 1945 - November 16, 2025

Josie Whitford Stukes, 80, of Chevy Chase, Maryland, passed away on November 16, 2025. Born in Greenville, North Carolina on May 29, 1945, Josie grew up in Atlanta and attended The Westminster School. She earned a Bachelor's degree from Emory University and a Master's in Business Administration from East Carolina University. She spent her career as a financial analyst in the electric utility industry. Before moving to Maryland, Josie lived for more than 20 years in Tucson, Arizona, and she loved the scenic vistas and culture of the American southwest. She volunteered on several humanitarian trips to Central America with the Presbyterian Disaster Relief Mission. Josie was a masterful sewer and quilt maker, a hobby she shared with her eldest daughter. She was a lifelong singer, and was a member of her church choir throughout her adult life. She loved shoes and shopping. She was a volunteer cashier at the St. John's Episcopal Opportunity Shop, a thrift shop in Chevy Chase, Maryland, from which she frequently returned home with treasures that caught her fancy. She was a dedicated, active mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Josie was preceded in death by her parents, John Melvin Whitford and Bessie Gray Hearne Whitford. She is survived by her two daughters, Florence Kraft (Joe) and Anne Stukes, her four grandchildren, Wilson Becker (Olivia), Jed and Ruby Kraft, Abigail Stukes, and two great-granddaughters, Everly and Isla Becker, her brother, David Whitford (Nancy), and numerous beloved cousins. Josie will be remembered for her sweet and generous nature.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, November 23, 2025 at 2:00pm in the Sanctuary of the Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church, One Chevy Chase Circle NW, Washington, D.C. 20015. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions may be made in memory of Josie to any of the following: The Hunger Program of Presbyterian Church (USA), The Lupus Foundation of America, or donate to a local food bank near you.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Buddy, Nancy and Family, purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Josie Stukes.



Buddy, Nancy and Family, - November 20, 2025 at 04:11 PM

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“ Buddy, Nancy and Family, planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Josie Stukes.

Buddy, Nancy and Family, - November 20, 2025 at 04:11 PM

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“ Insun & the Lee Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Josie Stukes.



Insun & the Lee Family - November 20, 2025 at 12:58 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Josie Stukes.



November 19, 2025 at 09:52 PM