

PATSY RUTH ERBEN

1929 - 2013



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Patsy Ruth Erben passed away on, Thursday, March 7, 2013, joining her beloved husband of 60 years that preceded her in death. She was born the only child of Walter and Effie Jarrott on October 4, 1929. Patsy lived in San Antonio most of her life, graduating from Jefferson High School in 1946. She spoke fondly about her memories of being in the Beta Sorority while at Jefferson. She went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Texas A & I in Kingsville, Texas during the summer of 1950. It was at A & I that she met the handsome young man she would marry, Raymond Erben. They married December 22, 1950. Patsy used her teaching degree and taught school for a brief period early in her marriage. Raymond finished his degree in 1952, and the couple moved back to San Antonio to raise their family. She and Raymond had three daughters, five grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. Patsy was a private person, preferring to be surrounded by her family. However, she did have a number of lasting friendships from as far back as elementary and middle school. Patsy also valued and enjoyed friends from her A & I days. At Patsy and Raymond's 50th wedding anniversary celebration, they felt blessed to have the entire wedding party in attendance and photographed again after so many years. Patsy and Raymond were fortunate to go on and mark their 60th anniversary in December 2010.

Most of Patsy's life was spent in San Antonio; however, she and Raymond did spend six years in Beaumont, Texas as a result of a job related transfer during the 1960's. After returning to San Antonio, they built a home and spent 25 more years in this location. In 1995, Patsy and Raymond sold their home in San Antonio and moved to Boerne, Texas to enjoy a slower pace of life. She remained in Boerne until her death.

Patsy loved to travel. After her husband retired, they enjoyed traveling often, visiting all but two of the 48 contiguous United States. Their travels were usually road trips and included everything from famous landmarks to 'off the beaten track' excursions. The family joked that any place that advertised fudge or some sort of pastry was a place she wanted to stop. Patsy treasured their traveling days and told stories for years to come about various memories.

Along with her husband, Patsy was very family oriented, organizing various celebrations just to get the family together. Her happiest moments were spent surrounded by family. She is survived by her daughters: Pamela Erben Martinez & John, Paula Erben Evans & the late Wes Evans, Jennifer Erben Rust & Todd; grandchildren: Katie Farias, Maggie Gentry, Hunter Harrison, Ashley Walthall, Chase Harrison; and 5 great grandchildren. "Gaga", as the grandchildren called her, will be greatly missed and remembered fondly. The family would like to thank the true 'angels' that cared for our mother her last number of months. She was truly cared for as if she was their family member and it is greatly appreciated. Our heart-felt thanks also go to VITAS Hospice. We all feel this organization is God's way of providing servants here on earth. Patsy was a long time member of Coker Methodist Church. Interment will be at Coker Cemetery where there will be a graveside service conducted on Monday, March 11, at 11:00 a.m. A reception celebrating the life of Patsy Erben will follow at the church. Donations in her name can be made to VITAS Hospice or Kronkosky Place.

To leave a message for the family, please visit www.vaughanfuneralhome.com. Funeral Arrangements entrusted to Vaughan's Funeral Home of Boerne.

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