



James and Diane Behrens

December 18, 1931 - September 15, 2021

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James R. Behrens, went to the Lord on September 15, 2021, in San Antonio, Texas. He was preceded by his parents, Max Behrens and Anne Segel Behrens. He was born in String Prairie, Texas and later in life moved to San Antonio, Texas. He is preceded by his wife Diane Nota Behrens and is survived by their children, Jim Behrens and wife Becky, Beverly Kuykendall and husband Mark and Steve Behrens. He has two surviving sisters, Janice Behrens Littlefield and Geneva Behrens Mueth. They had been married for 70 years. He was raised in String Prairie, Texas raising cattle & receiving awards for his livestock, hogs, crops and cotton. The house didn't have air conditioning or an inside bathroom. As kids we thought that was fun. James attended a one room schoolhouse from grades, 1st to 8th and then Graduated from Smithville High School. James said it was a hard life but he wouldn't change it for anything, it taught me to appreciate the things we have. They had 7 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

James served in the U. S. Army, during the Korean War, he was a Private E-1, and his major occupation was automotive maintenance. His first assignment was in Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, where their son Jim was born. He attended the 6th Inf Div Special Training School, in Fort Ord, California. He received the National Defense Service Medal.

James' only job was with Pearl Brewing Company, for 43 years, he was also the President of the Brewery Workers Credit Union. He is also mentioned in the Pearl Book, but the guys could never pronounce his name correctly, so they called him "Burns" and in the book, they mention him as "Burns". He was also a faithful member of the St. Matthews Catholic Church, for 48 years. He was also a member of the Men's Club of St. Matthews Catholic Church. He was formerly a member of the St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church for over 30 years. They were members of the Catholic Family Guild, for 60 years. While serving on the Family Guild they fed the homeless and annually delivered presents and food during Christmas time to the poor families.

His hobbies were gardening and he loved the birds. His favorite place was their cabin in Center Point, which was built by the family. He loved going every year during hunting season with his son, son-in-law & grandsons, it was a tradition every year. He was an avid Houston Texans fan. He loved George Strait and all of the old country singers & songs.

James would always say “If you think young, you will be young”.

He also told Diane & Beverly, the best exercise is to pull away from the table. He said that Diane had a “spider waist”, I have never heard of that term, so he said look at a spider next time and see what a tiny waist they have.

Thank you to his family, friends and neighbors for their kindness and assistance. Thank to the ComForCare caregivers for taking care of James & Steve, they are amazing. James was an awesome son, friend, husband, grandfather and great grandfather.

Burial service will be held at Mission Park North, for family members only, on Monday, October 4, 2021, at 10:00am.

DIANE ALYCE NOTA BEHRENS

May 23, 1931 – September 2, 2021

Diane A. Behrens, went to be with the Lord on September 2, 2021, in San Antonio, Texas. She was preceded by her parents, John Nota & Alyce Ceeko Nota. She was born and raised in San Antonio, Texas. She is survived by her loving husband James R. Behrens and their children, Jim Behrens and wife Becky, Beverly Kuykendall and husband Mark and Steve Behrens. She has two surviving sisters, Joann Burke & Carole Nota. They had been married for 70 years. After marrying she left the city life to live on the farm, for a year, where James was raised. They had this city girl picking cotton. They had 7 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. The grandchildren and great grandchildren remember grandma always fixing chocolate pudding and banana splits in fancy cups.

Diana's old friend, Olga said they knew each other since the 1940's, since they were 8 years old. She said when they were 9 years old they pushed a wagon going door to door collecting metal scraps, for the war. She attended Jefferson High School and was a member of the Lasso Pep Squad.

Her first job was with Southwestern Bell. She married and became a housewife and raised three children. She served as the volleyball coach for St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School. Later in life she worked for H. R. Block, as an Officer Manager, for over 35 years.

She was a faithful member of the St. Matthews Catholic Church, for 48 years. She served

as the Vice-President of the St. Matthews Altar Society. She was also a member of the Catholic Family Guild for 60 years. Previously she was a member of the St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church for over 30 years. During serving with the Family Guild they fed the homeless and annually delivered presents and food during Christmas time to the poor families. Diane had their grandchildren serve the homeless and deliver the Christmas gifts so they knew how blessed they were. Diane also assisted exercising disabled children.

Her hobbies were gardening and her favorite flowers were sweet peas and impatiens. Diane was also an avid reader, she loved working crossword puzzles, she said you have to keep your brain alert. She also loved riding the bus to Eagle Pass to gamble. She was also a huge fan of the San Antonio Spurs and the Dallas Cowboys. Her favorites song was Down in the Valley, she would always sing this song to the grandchildren & great grandchildren..

Thank you to her family, friends, and neighbors for their kindness and assistance. Diane was an amazing daughter, friend, wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Burial service will be held at Mission Park North, for family members only, on Monday, October 4, 2021, 10:00am.

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park North

20900 IH 10 West
San Antonio, TX 78257

Previous Events

Graveside Service with Military Honors

OCT 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

Mission Burial Park North
20900 I.H. 10
West San Antonio, TX 78230

Tribute Wall

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“ Our deepest condolences to the children of James and Diane Behrns. We just learned of your parents passing with great sadness. Our late father Charles Scheffler worked at the Pearl Brewery in the bottling shop. Mr Behrns and him were good friends. The few times I met your mother we always enjoyed talking about church and the brewery. We will always remember them.
Our lord has two very special angels.

Judy Scheffler - San Antonio Tx



Judy Scheffler-San Antonio Tx - January 06 at 02:47 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James and Diane Behrens.



October 01, 2021 at 04:58 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of James and Diane Behrens.



October 01, 2021 at 11:30 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James and Diane Behrens.



October 01, 2021 at 11:26 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Heidi - October 01, 2021 at 09:23 AM

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“ I was happy to share one of the last memories with my grandma and grandpa at my house in the Hill Country. We had them over in late August this year, on a warm afternoon, under the shade of our Pecan Tree. My mom and dad Beverly and Mark Kuykendall joined us at the table with my wife Amber eating cupcakes and drinking unsweet tea. I remember how peaceful it was for grandma and grandpa to be out in nature overlooking the backyard and creek. Grandma mentioned how beautiful it was that day, her favorite saying she always use to say was "It's a beautiful day for saying it's a beautiful day." Grandma and grandpa were such a light in so many people's lives. I'll always have a special place in my heart for them. Rest in peace together grams and gramps, I love you! -Heidi Kuykendall

Heidi - October 01, 2021 at 09:17 AM

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“ I was lucky to early retire to spend over 2 years with my parents. To take care of them and make new memories and spend more time with them. I am so glad they didn't suffer and didn't have to go in a nursing home. They will be dearly missed but I am glad they are together in heaven.



Beverly Kuykendall - September 30, 2021 at 10:13 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James and Diane Behrens.



September 29, 2021 at 02:17 PM

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“ Aunt Diane and Uncle James were always great to be around. It seemed like Aunt Diane was always with Mom, whether it was shopping at the bakery for day old bread and goodies or taking us to swimming lessons. She had great stories and was always very curious about other people's lives. She seemed full of wonder to me. She threw a little high school graduation luncheon for me and one of my girlfriends still brings it up about how nice was the lunch and how kind Aunt Diane was. Uncle James was a little more quiet to me, but always in the background helping. We went to visit once at their cabin, it had been raining. By the time I made it up the big hill, the car was covered in mud, but who cares, I was with my family. When it was time to leave after a wonderful day of the kids catching fish in the pond, we got all our stuff together and headed to the car. Uncle James had completely cleaned my car off without anyone noticing. That's just the kind of person he was. He also made me a walking stick that I still use when hiking in the woods or mountains. What a loving pair and I'm glad to have been a part of their family. Rest in peace, Aunt and Uncle and pray for us, we will miss you terribly.

Cheryl Burke Vidrine - September 25, 2021 at 02:10 PM

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“ Johnny Burleson & Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of James and Diane Behrens.



Johnny Burleson & Family - September 24, 2021 at 10:44 AM