



Adeline "Addie" Rush

December 22, 1928 - December 10, 2020

Adeline (Addie) Rush was born as Adeline Otilia Engel on December 22, 1928 in San Antonio, Texas to Henry and Hilda Engel. She died on December 10th, 2020 peacefully in her home surrounded with love and prayer. Addie was preceded in death by her husband of more than 50 years Harold J. (Joe) Rush, by many in her large extended family including her parents Henry and Hilda Engel, her brothers Jerome (Jerry) and Harold (Red) Engel, and her beloved daughter Melanie Rush Davis.

Addie Rush is survived by a large family who treasured her as a glamorous super mom and who will always miss her. She was an exceptional woman. As a working mother of eight children, she defied the constraints of her time. Her family was devoutly Catholic and Addie had a Catholic education, graduating with honors from St. Gerard's Catholic High School. She was a proud and active member of the Central Texas German community. Addie's mother was a Vogel of New Braunfels and her father was the son of Andreas Engel, who built the town of Bergheim, Texas and founded the historic Bergheim General Store.

Addie attended local college classes and withdrew to accept employment with an insurance company housed in the historic Smith-Young Tower, now called the Tower Life Building. In 1948 she met Harold Joseph (Joe) Rush, a handsome Air Force Lieutenant and WWII veteran, stationed at Randolph Air

Force Base. They fell completely in love and married in June of 1949. Adventures followed. The couple spent a year in Houston while Joe completed his Officer Training studies. Subsequent posts included upstate New York, Columbus, Indiana, Ankara, Turkey, Marin County, California, Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines and finally back home to Texas in 1974. She has lived in San Antonio since that time and joined St Luke's Catholic Church where she was a reader for masses and active in the Altar Society. Proud of her heritage as a third generation Hill Country Texan, Addie participated eagerly in the Engel cousin monthly lunches and both the Vogel and Engel family reunions once she resettled in San Antonio. While Joe fulfilled obligations in Korea, Vietnam, Iran, and even exotic Ohio, Addie kept the home fires warm and welcoming as she attended to the needs of her kids and the extended family. She was an outstanding cook, bringing TexMex and German cooking to all her new locales and adapting local favorites from Turkey, the Philippines, and Europe to her own table. Her turkey gravy was legendary and no Thanksgiving was complete without it.

As devoted as she was to her family, Addie was not a stay at home mom. Wherever Joe and Addie were stationed, they considered it a start for more extensive travels, including to Europe, Africa, Lebanon, South East Asia, Hawaii, and extensively throughout the United States and Canada. She was an accomplished program manager who held positions of responsibility and leadership wherever she found herself. Addie served as an executive assistant to military officers in Ankara, Turkey and as a civil servant she led the procurement office at Hamilton Air Force Base in California. When the Rushes settled back in San Antonio, Addie went to work at the newly built San Antonio campus of the University of Texas where she directed operations of the Student Center. At UTSA, she was also an accomplished grant writer and became the first staff member to be assigned a personal computer to support the excellent results she obtained for researchers and teaching staff. Addie walked beside her Air Force Officer husband as President of the Officers

Wives Club in Indiana and President of the Women's Golf Association in the Philippines. When they retired, she led the volunteer group of Easter Seals Associates and in the 1990s and early 2000s was President of the condo association of Lafayette Place where she lived until the end of her life.

Addie and Joe were magnets for fellowship, conviviality, and celebration of life's possibilities. Their house parties were filled with diverse people from all walks of life. Addie's skill as a hostess ensured no one felt left out while Joe's story telling encouraged everyone to laugh and share their own. They were quite a pair. Addie and Joe could clear the floor when they danced together. They loved music and taught their kids to harmonize as they raised their voices in song. They were excellent bridge players, participating in social games and tournaments wherever they lived. They loved sports and games of all kinds - family charades at Thanksgiving were anticipated by three generations of family. Addie and Joe's warmth and welcoming nature overcame barriers of background, race, and class without deliberation – it was just who they were.

Following Joe's death in 2005, Addie continued to live independently and to travel to visit friends and family around the country. In 2012 she received a diagnosis of macular degeneration. She managed the vision loss for many years, and eagerly adopted the coping techniques provided by the Lighthouse for the Blind who taught her many skills that she mastered and used for the rest of her life. She maintained an active social life, and continued to live independently until October of 2019 when debilitation from congestive heart failure required live-in care. She said that God sent her an angel in the form of Wynona Hudson who lived with and cared for Addie until her death.

Addie is survived by many loving friends all over the world and by her sister Evelyn Engel Magee, who called every day to check on her, and brother in law

Buddy Magee, their children and many cousins throughout Central Texas. Addie was godmother to her cousin Charlie Schraub who married Michelle Belto and remained close to Addie throughout their lives. Her surviving children are Harold J (Skip) Rush Jr, Sharron Rush, Candice Rush Moore, Kathleen (Tish) Rush, Michael S Rush, Lisa Rush Sterba, Laurie Rush, and adopted daughter Wynona Hudson.

Her kids all have their own version of the Mom who was there for them. She was there for awards ceremonies, for driving across the country, for attending wounds, or picking up grandkids from day care. She was Mom, Grandma, Nana or Aunt Addie to all their friends, and beyond.

If you needed an answer, you went to Mom. If you needed forgiveness, a hug, a laugh, a shoulder to cry on, a problem to be solved, a dilemma in the kitchen - you went to Mom. She always had the answer - or made you believe she did and that everything had an answer.

She was an inspiration in the way she carried herself and in the elegant way she dealt with the joys and sorrows of her life. She continued to inspire us as she dealt with the difficulties of failing eyesight and health. She stayed engaged and involved with the many people she loved, continuing to enjoy the company of family and friends until the end.

Addie warmly embraced those who married her kids - her sons and daughters-in-law. She is survived by Donna Rush, Ron Hicks, Jimmy Moore, Kemp Davis, Paula Rush, Jeff Sterba and former daughter-in-law Memory Rush who remained part of the family even after divorce. Former sons-in-law Frank Davila and Pat Praeger preceded Addie in death.

Addie was a doting grandmother to Aaron Rush, Kylah Rush-Koppel, Ethan Murphy, Molly Moore, Lydia Moore, Emma Davis, Joseph Davila, Jacob

Davila, Hunter Sterba, Taylor Sterba, and Brandon Praeger. Her great-grandkids called her GG and are Quinlan and Naomi Rush-Koppel, and Abraham Logan Rush. Addie's indomitable spirit lives on in the joy of being that she embodied and the great love that she always shared.

The family would like to thank the many people including Dorothy Zey, Karen Sanderson, Mary Altman, Cindy Guggar Judy Dickey, and Ashley Hogan who brought food and companionship, provided rides, sent cards and prayers. Special thanks to Erin and Larry, her bridge partners who became her faithful dinner companions even in the hard times. Addie also appreciated the support of the hospice team, including Barbara and Stephanie. We are grateful that her life ended as she lived it - filled with love and nurturing.

In lieu of flowers please donate in her honor to the Lighthouse for the Blind or Meals on Wheels, two organizations that were very helpful in her last years.

For the safety and well-being of families and friends, the memorial, rosary, and mass will all be live-streamed on St. Lukes' Catholic Church's Facebook page and YouTube channel to celebrate Adeline's going Home on Tuesday, December 22nd, at 1:30 pm. The links are provided below:

<https://www.facebook.com/STLUKESANANTOINO>

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_Lq2rHAdYjvjtF-Sr3KrA

Previous Events

Rosary

DEC **22**. 1:30 PM (CT)

St. Luke Catholic Church
4603 Manitou Drive
San Antonio, TX 78228

Mass of Resurrection

DEC **22**. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Luke Catholic Church
4603 Manitou Drive
San Antonio, TX 78228

Interment

DEC **23**. 2:30 PM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Adeline "Addie" Rush*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - December 18, 2020 at 10:23 AM

LG

“ *We are so saddened by your loss. Please know that prayers are being said for your dear one and her loving family.
Love and prayers,
Art Singletary, Linda & Claire Gianelloni*

Linda Gianelloni - December 21, 2020 at 10:40 AM

VS

“ *My sympathy and prayers are sent to the family of Addie. She was a great friend and helper in the Altar Society. We will miss her smiling face and gentle voice at our meetings. May she rest in peach.*

Virginia Shannon - December 20, 2020 at 06:34 PM

JM

“ Nana Addie and I became quite close especially in recent years though when I first joined the family in 1989 I was frankly a little intimidated. Nana sent me birthday cards every year for which I am very grateful. Nana and Joe were very close to my Mom and Dad and truly had a friendship that makes me very pleased and happy. Nana retold the story many times of the vacation we took together for Thanksgiving at Fort Clark Springs. My Dad was gregarious in social settings, and he became extra gregarious anytime he crossed the border into Mexico. The story Nana retold was no more specific than that a good time was had that day we had lunch and drinks together in Mexico. One more thought: Candice is the best. Jimmy Moore

Jimmy Moore - December 20, 2020 at 06:30 PM



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Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - December 19, 2020 at 01:29 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Adeline "Addie" Rush.



December 19, 2020 at 01:13 PM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Adeline "Addie" Rush.*



December 18, 2020 at 10:05 AM



“ *Ghirardelli Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Adeline "Addie" Rush.*



December 17, 2020 at 01:50 PM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of Addie's passing. She was the sweetest person we have ever known. It was such an honor to call her family. Mom said she was in heaven with her husband. May God be with all of you in this time of sorrow.*

Pat & Richard Elkins

Richard & Pat Elkins - December 17, 2020 at 01:20 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Adeline "Addie" Rush.*



December 16, 2020 at 03:41 PM

CW

“ Oh my goodness ! Reading her obituary brought beautiful memories of the many reunions, weddings and other get togethers with our amazing Vogel family. Addie was such an inspiring person with a beautifully glorious soul ! Her wonderful smile will be forever etched in our memories. To her family and friends, you have gained a very special Angel to watch over you. Smiling thru the tears with Love,
Carol (Vogel) Warren

Carol Warren - December 16, 2020 at 03:30 PM

MB

“ What do you say
About one of God's angels? Addie was always “mom” to me. In addition to my own mother Marie and my mother-in-law Colleen, there was always Addie. All three are gone now but all three are carried in my heart. ❤️
I met Addie in the summer of 1971 at Clark AFB, Philippines. What a fun family are the Rushs.' Joe always welcomed me to the outdoor porch with a smile and a cocktail or a beer. Addie was always there supervising a busy family of kids. Skip and Sharron were already out on their own so Candice was senior at 20 years old. Their place rocked! No other way to describe the parties and celebrating that was always going on with birthdays, anniversaries and kid activities. I fell in love with the whole family and spent many happy times with Candice and Melanie the year I was on Clark 1971-1972. I met and fell in love with Sharron and her young son Ethan in 1972 in Manitou Springs CO. Over the years I would visit San Antonio and Austin and catch up with the Rush women and got to know Mike too. Addie stays in my thoughts, prayers, and heart always!

Michael Boyle - December 16, 2020 at 03:05 PM

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Michael Boyle - December 16, 2020 at 02:41 PM

MB

Three lovely daughters of the best mom ever!

Michael Boyle - December 16, 2020 at 03:07 PM

JK

“ *I'll always remember Addie's infectious smile and that laugh! When I'd be at a Rush Gang gathering, with Joe holding court (with a Jimmy Roselli soundtrack), I couldn't help but grin. The stories, the laughter, the food, made a simple lunch a celebration. Joe, a Dallas Cowboy fan, would constantly needle me about my Kansas City Chiefs. I remember when we'd go back and forth with the barbs, Addie would grin and shake her head. (If only she, Joe, and cousin Buddy would have been around when my Chiefs won the Super Bowl this year -- I would have chased Buddy around the house with a fire extinguisher.)*

Addie created the greatest potato salad recipe in the history of food. I now take credit for it, but, uh, I at least THINK about her when I'm bathing in the culinary glory. Well, Addie, take down the apron in the celestial kitchen and start cooking.

I love you!

Jim Kanady

Jim Kanady - December 16, 2020 at 02:23 PM

RE

“ In the summer of 1961 my Dad, LTC Gus Edwards, Mom, Merian Edwards, and I arrived at Hamilton AFB, Marin County, CA, north of San Francisco, and moved into base quarters. Across the street was a set of quarters with many, many children constantly coming in and out of the front door. I would soon learn that the Rushes lived there and my family and I would enjoy so many wonderful times with Joe and Addie and all of the 6 Rush children and a friendship would grow and blossom over the years that endures to today even across many miles from Reno, NV to San Antonio, TX. A couple of years later Lisa and Laurie joined the Rush family and the chaos of love across the street continued. One of my favorite memories is Christmas Eve at the Rush house that involved fabulous food, drinks, laughter and conversation that grew in volume as the night wore on. Finally, about 11:30 the children would be in bed and the real fun began when Joe would open the front door and bring in a Christmas tree to be decorated before the morning. Everyone helped out because in the Rush family tradition, Santa brought the tree and decorated it during his stay at the house. Then, usually about 3:30 am on Christmas morning, the Edwards family would make their way back home across the street after a fabulous night of friendship and fellowship and love. The friendship spanned my Dad's transfer to Paris and my return to Nevada to start college, and my time in law school and then in the Army and then back to Reno, and the Rushes move to Clark AFB and then ultimately to Texas. The memories are vivid in my mind and I am glad that Addie is at peace. Her family is her legacy and constitutes riches beyond measure. Hopefully, Gus and Merian and Joe and Addie have reunited with each other and are enjoying more evenings together like they did at the Hamilton Officers Club and on the golf course or in their living rooms together. God Bless you Addie and God Bless your precious family and may the Lord grant all of you peace.
Richard Edwards, Reno, Nevada.

R Edwards - December 16, 2020 at 01:05 AM

LR

Thank you for sharing this memory..that tradition carried on into our adult years. One of my favorites!

Laurie Rush - December 16, 2020 at 07:36 AM

SH

Waving across the ether Dick to you and your family. Friendship with the Edwards family was a high point of our stay at Hamilton AFB. Your dad was the one who christened Addie as Lady Otilia that became LadyO and eventually her email name txladyo. Your mom was one of our mom's glamorous friends. They had such great times together I couldn't wait to be a grownup.

Sharron - December 16, 2020 at 11:25 AM

MB

Wonderful stories and all so true of this beautiful family!

Michael Boyle - December 16, 2020 at 02:46 PM

JF

I was visiting Saltville many years ago and finally got to meet Addie. Her mother and my father were siblings and I only met a few of the Warren cousins in my life. She was such a treat. We went antique shopping in Abingdon the next day. She has never met a stranger. She talked about her husband but always said his whole name which I thought was so funny. Joe Rush this and Joe Rush that. What a joy she was.

Judith Warren Fiebig - November 12, 2023 at 04:40 PM

CH

“ Addie was a kind and gracious woman. The world was a better place because of her presence, and her passing has left an empty space in her family that will not be filled. Safe journey, fair friend, to join your loved ones who now await your arrival.

Celia Hughes - December 15, 2020 at 11:45 PM

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Candice M Moore - December 15, 2020 at 10:21 PM

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Candice M Moore - December 15, 2020 at 08:56 PM

PD

“ Cherished my telephone conversations this year with Addie ❤️.
Bruce, Ben and I extend our deepest condolences to her family..
Miss you all 🙏❤️🙏 With love Pat Bruce and Ben Davis

Pat Davis - December 15, 2020 at 07:15 PM

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Michael Boyle - December 15, 2020 at 05:08 PM

SH

Addie always loved being with the Merry Moores. it shows in these photos, thanks for sharing them Mike.

Sharron - December 15, 2020 at 09:22 PM

BB

*“ What a beautiful fascinating life Addie lived. I always loved talking to her whenever I saw her at one of Emma's Girl Scout events or at Melanie and Kemp's house. Thinking of all of you and hoping that you will be celebrating her life and cherishing your memories!
With love,
Bernie Barnes and family*

Bernadette Barnes - December 15, 2020 at 03:18 PM

JS

“ I first met Joe and Addie when Jeff and Lisa got married, we became instant friends. I thoroughly enjoyed their company, felt like I had known them forever. After Joe passed and Addie would visit here Addie and I would spend a whole day together, we really enjoyed each other. She was so easy to talk to. I especially enjoyed my visit to her home in Texas with Jeff and Lisa, Hunter and Taylor. Learned a lot about her life. I will miss her wonderful visits. My sincere sympathy to all the family. Jeanette Sterba

Jeanette Sterba - December 15, 2020 at 02:59 PM

AG

*I met Mrs. Addie when she attended a concert at the school where her daughter, Lisa Sterba, was principal. I went up to introduce myself to her and she easily engaged in a conversation with me. S
It was delightful talking with her and she left a positive imprint on my mind. Reading her obituary made me realize how wonderful it must have been to be able to spend years with this remarkable lady. I extend my deepest sympathy to all of her family. Adora M. Greene*

Adora M. Greene - December 15, 2020 at 07:50 PM



And you made such a positive impression on her! She would so often ask, "How is Adora?" She was so happy for you when you retired and sad for the school. Thank you for the kind words and all of the prayers that you have sent up on her behalf; that meant the world to her.

Lisa Sterba - December 21, 2020 at 10:31 PM

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Sharron Rush - December 15, 2020 at 02:01 PM

LR

“ So many fun memories of a woman from such adventure...but this one is so simple its special. Of all of the events mom chose to chaperone us on my favorite date ended up being our weekly friday morning trek to Boerne to visit Cindy for a haircut. Then on to a lunch shopping or just sitting on the river watching the ducks. Miss you momma...

Laurie Rush - December 15, 2020 at 11:14 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Adeline "Addie" Rush.



December 15, 2020 at 10:49 AM