



## Bessie L. Engel

April 27, 1935 - August 4, 2020

Bessie Louise Brook Sallee Engel

Born April 27, 1935 in Harlingen, Texas. Lived in San Antonio most of her life until her passing on Tues. August 4, 2020 in Lytle, Texas. She was 85 years old.

She is preceded in death by her parents Clem Brook Sr. & Maud Alice Morris McQuire Brook of San Antonio, Texas, her sister Edith Taylor, brother Clem Lee Brook Jr., 1st husband Jess W. Sallee of 26 years, 2nd husband Richard Engel of 19 years & great-grandson Kristian Sallee Kononchuk.

She is survived by her 3 children, Joyce Sallee Saunders (Milton), Kenneth Sallee (Penny) & Diana Sallee Dean (Richard), 6 Step-Children & their families, 13 Grandchildren, 23 Great Grandchildren, 10 Great-Great Grandchildren, 3 Nephews, 1 Niece, Cousins & Friends.

After living in Harlingen a few years, her family moved to San Antonio near what is now the Alamodome. Then moved to a 2 story home on Denver Ave. She attended Edgar Allen Poe Elementary/Middle School & Brackenridge High School. She was a member of the Purple Jackets Pep Squad. After graduation, she attended Trinity University to become a Nurse. She started work at the Baptist Hospital downtown as an R. N.

There she met our Dad, Jess W. Sallee. They were married 26 years until his death in 1980. She retired from the Hospital then went to work for our Family Doctor, Thomas B. Smith. She met & married Richard Engel in 1991, then retired from Nursing. They were married for 19 & 1/2 years until his death in 2010.

Our Mom lived a good, decent life. She took care of her aging family members. She loved to take pictures of the family, friends & road trips. She loved to play the piano & loved to sing anytime, when cooking dinner & at Church. She would talk to anyone, anytime, anywhere. She was a loving, giving & caring person. She could also be stubborn.

She was a member of Lovera Baptist Church.

We would like to Thank everyone for their Prayers & Condolences and all of the Nurses, Doctors, Assisted Living Health Care & Hospice Care Workers for taking care of our Mom. We appreciate your caring professionalism.

God Bless you all.

We are comforted by knowing you are resting in the arms of Jesus. We love you and will miss you greatly Mom.

In accordance with CDC safety precautions, we ask to wear a mask and practice social distancing. There will be LIMITED SEATING for visitation and services. For everyone's safety please honor the family from a distance. We kindly thank you in advance.

Visitation will begin on Sunday, August 16, 2020 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Funeral Service will be held on Monday, August 17, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. A

private burial will be held at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 16. 5:30 AM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
1700 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 924-4242  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Funeral Service

AUG 17. 12:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
1700 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 924-4242  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Interment

AUG 17 (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Bessie was beautiful inside and out. She was my friend and my sister in Christ. We had so many beautiful moments. We laughed, cried and prayed together. She was so loving and giving. I loved to hear her sing. It was like an angels music from heaven. My husband, Oscar, and I were privileged to go places with her and her brother CL. God really blessed us when He brought Bessie into our lives. We will miss her. With lots of love, Oscar and Linda Jimenez, members with Bessie at Lovera Baptist Church.*

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**Linda K. Jimenez** - August 15, 2020 at 06:23 PM

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“ *Bessie was a beautiful person. She was loving, caring, generous, and enjoyed life. She had many talents and abilities which she willingly shared. She always had a sweet smile and a kind word for everyone. She brought joy to all with whom she came in contact and will long be remembered for her Christian service, her sharing of the gospel message, her work for the church and the helping hand she gave to so many people. She will be missed. I am thankful for the privilege I had to know her and her brother, Clem.*



*Glenda Rivers (Lovera Baptist Church)*

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**Glenda Rivers** - August 07, 2020 at 05:11 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bessie L. Engel.*



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August 06, 2020 at 01:26 PM



“ *My most sincere condolences and prayers for God's strength to all the family. May she Rest In Peace.*

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**Herminia Saldivar** - August 06, 2020 at 12:30 PM



“ *Kevin and Elizabeth, Chris and Rosanne purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Bessie L. Engel.*



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**Kevin and Elizabeth, Chris and Rosanne** - August 05, 2020 at 05:02 PM