



## Carole Byrd Gardner

January 21, 1935 - December 12, 2015

Carole Byrd Gardner, 80, of San Antonio, Texas went to be with the Lord on December 12, 2015

Carole was born in San Antonio, TX on January 21, 1935. She was the daughter of Leslie Byrd and Irene Byrd both of San Antonio, TX. She grew up in Olmos Park and lived her whole life in the San Antonio area. She was a graduate of Incarnate Word High School and attended Sophie Newcomb College in New Orleans, LA. She was a devout Catholic and had a very strong faith. She worked as a secretary to an accountant in her younger years. She met her husband Pat H. Gardner who was a San Antonio Real Estate lawyer and they were married in 1958. Carole had a great sense of humor, was an avid reader and enjoyed books of all kinds, particularly historical books and books on other cultures of the world. She was a longtime member of Oak Hills Country Club and enjoyed playing tennis with the family. She traveled to countries such as Turkey, Greece, Egypt, New Guinea, Mexico and others and especially enjoyed vacations to the Gulf Coast near Rockport TX with family and friends. She enjoyed being with her family on holidays and other events and particularly enjoyed time with her grandchildren. She was always very close to her sister, Kellie Byrd Fleming also of San Antonio and their families spent many happy years together celebrating holidays and other family get-togethers.

She is survived by her three children, Pat Henry Gardner Jr of San Antonio, TX, Tracey Gardner Stanger of Dallas, TX and Gregg Byrd Gardner of Santa

Barbara, CA; her six grandchildren, Erin Gardner, Kendall Stanger, Michael Stanger, Travis Stanger, Katherine Gardner, Margaret Gardner; numerous nieces and nephews and other family members.

A private gathering for family and interment will be held at Holy Cross Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial contributions be made to "NAMI" the National Alliance on Mental Illness.