



Christel Brigitte Cordes

January 30, 1941 - June 10, 2025

Christel Brigitte Cordes passed away peacefully on June 10, 2025 at the age of 84.

Born in Schlegel, Germany to Paul and Hedwig Tschöke, both of whom she lost at an early age, she was raised by her extended family in Germany. She attended boarding school and graduated with her Abitur and settled in Birkenfeld, Germany where she later married Arthur (Wayne) Cordes in 1965, who was serving in Germany with the U. S. Air Force. She moved to San Antonio in 1966 and became a U.S. citizen shortly thereafter. Her life with Wayne and the Air Force resulted in multiple moves between duty stations in Germany and her beloved San Antonio. During those years, she worked in banking and real estate and in 1988 she and Wayne settled in San Antonio permanently. She attended San Antonio College and continued to serve in San Antonio real estate until retiring in 2011.

To those who loved her, she was known as a kind, devoted, energetic wife, mother, and friend. She stayed closely connected to her extended family and friends in Germany, always ready to show off San Antonio to them when they came to visit. She was well connected to the San Antonio real estate community where she enjoyed countless friendships. She and Wayne traveled throughout the U.S. and Europe and shared a lifetime of loving memories and adventures. Never having had grandchildren of her own, she relished the opportunity to help as a surrogate grandmother to her godsons, Corey and

Tanner. She loved animals (especially German Shepards), the Gulf Coast, cooking, and collecting angels. Now an angel herself, she will be missed by all that knew her.

She is survived by her husband Wayne, her son, Chris and daughter-in-law, Sharlene, her nephews Frank and Michael Dinter. She is preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Hedwig Tschöke, and her sister, Liselotte Dinter.

A memorial service will take place on June 23 at 9:00 AM at the Mission Park North chapel. There will then be a committal service on the same day at 10:45 AM at Ft Sam Houston National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation to SNIPSA (snipsa.org).

Previous Events

Private Family Viewing

JUN **23**. 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

A Celebration of a Life Well Lived

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Committal Service

JUN **23**. 10:45 AM - 11:15 AM (CT)

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