



## Dona Holmes Pitman

September 2, 2024

Dona Holmes Pitman, age 80, of San Antonio, passed away on September 2, 2024.

Dona was a loving mother, grandmother and friend who made it a life mission to be friends with every person she met. She had a heart full of love and hope to give. She was an avid traveler, decorator, cook and so many more things. She was brilliant, thoughtful, loyal, quick witted, and had a way of always keeping her head held high regardless of the circumstances. Her laugh was unmatched and will still echo in our hearts forever.

Born in Tucson, Arizona she spent her first 11 years there before moving to San Antonio, Texas. Dona graduated from The Keystone School in 1962. Dona went on to further her education at Trinity University in San Antonio, TX. She was very involved in the San Antonio Symphony League as well as the Opera. She was also a docent at the McNay Art Museum in San Antonio. In Puerto Vallarta she was a diverse philanthropist in her time donating and contributing to many charities such as the SPCA-PV, Casa Esperanza Women's Shelter, and many more. She had a deep love and passion for the arts, helping others, and always shared that with anyone who would listen.

After living in San Antonio for 35 years she decided that her true home was in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico where she had vacationed many time before. She

purchased a home there and officially moved down there full time in the 1990's. During her time in Puerto Vallarta she built beautiful friendships, many lasting decades. Over the years we began to reference these people as her "PV Familia" and we are truly grateful for that community.

Dona was predeceased by her parents, Estelle Yates Holmes and Thomas Worthy Holmes, as well as her brother W.T. Holmes, Jr. She is survived by her daughter, Allison Pitman (Michael Davila); her grandchildren, Yates Pfeiffer & Isabel Hutt (Christian Palmer); her sister Tommy Kepner & brother-in-law C. Greg Kepner; niece and nephew Melinda Ziegler (John) and Ed Kepner (Lisa); her "bonus grandbabies" Louis Davila and Elliott Davila and numerous cousins. Her family deeply appreciates her faithful caregiver in Puerto Vallarta Blanca Angelica Arce.

In celebrating her life, we honor the memory of a remarkable woman who brought joy, laughter, friendship, comfort and so much more to all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Services will be Monday September 23, 2024 at Mission Park Domain in San Antonio, Texas at 2 p.m.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

SEP **23**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels and Cemetery Dominion

20900 IH 10 W

San Antonio, TX 78257

(210) 698-5252

<https://www.missionparks.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dona Holmes Pitman.* ”



September 23, 2024 at 09:15 AM



“ *Hunter y Epitacio Resendez purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Dona Holmes Pitman.* ”



**Hunter y Epitacio Resendez** - September 23, 2024 at 08:25 AM



“ *Allison, Yates & Isabel purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Dona Holmes Pitman.* ”



**Allison, Yates & Isabel** - September 22, 2024 at 11:26 PM



“ *Ana & Gobie purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dona Holmes Pitman.* ”



**Ana & Gobie** - September 21, 2024 at 07:17 PM

CT

“ *Candy and George Taylor purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dona Holmes Pitman.*



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**Candy and George Taylor** - September 21, 2024 at 03:16 PM

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“ *Niel & Alice purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Dona Holmes Pitman.*



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**Niel & Alice** - September 20, 2024 at 10:49 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Dona Holmes Pitman.*



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September 20, 2024 at 06:47 PM

CA

“ I have too many beautiful, often times hilarious yet always fond memories to share in just one take however one in particular that affects almost every single soul who was in PV during the Thanksgiving Holiday was this one which Dona had started over 20 years ago. Dona decided that we would host a Thanksgiving dinner for the 8 or so of our friends who were not with their family during this holiday. To further exemplify Dona's true generosity, she made this happen every single year until she sold her beautiful home on Rodolfo Gómez where this event had grown from the original 8 to over 30 for a proper sit-down Thanksgiving Dinner served on china with linen-service and fresh cut flowers everywhere! What a class act and a beautiful memory which she created for her Vallarta friends and family! P.S. For all of you Mojo players, Dona started that too! Dona, you will be sorely missed but never forgotten!

Chris Anderson - September 20, 2024 at 09:09 AM

DL

Chris has written one of the best memories.....but there were so many more. Dona brightened every moment every where she went. I love this woman with every part of my heart and soul.....Derald Long

Derald Long - September 20, 2024 at 02:18 PM

CC

A one-of-a-kind incredible friend; loyal, loved and a laugh that would tingle your ears! PV will never be the same for me without her there.

Char Bailey Crowe - September 20, 2024 at 07:48 PM

MB

Donna was a fun, lively, witty friend who was also an accomplished hostess. . She generously provided lovely Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve dinners in her gracious home in Puerto Vallarta. I will miss her as will so many other expats whose lives she touched with her generosity and friendship over many years.

Mariann Bertram.

Mariann Bertram - September 22, 2024 at 11:26 PM

TA

*Donna visited Frank Bennett and me in San Francisco. We gave her a tour of the Haight and other vistas here. She was fun wise and a great friend. Here and in PV. We are sad to hear that she is no longer on this earth plane.*

**Terry Abraham** - September 29, 2024 at 03:35 PM

CB

*Farewell old friend. We grew up together. You taught me to drive. We feuded as teenagers over nothing when I lived with you and Estelle. When Estelle married a childhood friend, we made up and proceeded to drink as much wine as we could get away with at the after party. That day we decided that at fifteen I needed to learn to drive so we borrowed Estelle's Ford Falcon. What better choice for an instructor than a mature 16 year old girl! I proceeded to bounce off every curb in Terrell Hills. Then I got it. Sober-I think we both would have been terrified.*

*You were my pen pal, when I left Texas for Oklahoma and my date on New Year's Eve 1964. The real payday was when we found out our parents had an account at the Swank Club. We had so many adventures. Over the years whenever we got together we would talk endlessly until early in the morning about who knows what. You were my best friend when we were young. I still see that impish smile when I close my eyes. Rest well.*

**Charlie Buerschinger** - April 23 at 12:00 PM

YV

“ *Yvonneka purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dona Holmes Pitman.*



**Yvonneka** - September 20, 2024 at 08:43 AM

DZ

“ *My Dear Friend has left us but She will Always be Remembered as A Classy Lady with A Beautiful Smile and a very Kind Heart.A Bright Light has gone out in Puerto Vallarta.We shared many Wonderful times together.She will be Sadly Missed by many.* ❤️💋🙏🥲🥲

Donna Zuk - September 20, 2024 at 08:32 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dona Holmes Pitman.*



September 19, 2024 at 11:01 PM

EL

“ *I loved her so dearly! She was one of my dearest friends who opened up Puerto Vallarta to me. I can't imagine what Vallarta will be without her. I will always love and miss her. Fly with the angels Dona!*

Elizabeth - September 19, 2024 at 10:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dona Holmes Pitman.*



September 19, 2024 at 09:41 PM