



Doris Keyes Garrett

September 2, 1926 - February 3, 2024

Doris Mae Keyes, only child of Wilford Miles Keyes and Grace Gabrysch Keyes, was born in San Antonio. She married the love of her life, William Russell Garrett, in 1944 in Abeline, TX. Dottie & Russ settled in the newly built University Park neighborhood of San Antonio in 1949 where they raised 5 children and remained to the end of their earthly lives. In the early morning hours of February 3, 2024, she gently passed into the arms of her heavenly Father.

Dottie's dear mother, desperate for child care in during the great depression, often recalled pleading with the nuns at Ursuline Academy on Augusta Street to accept Dottie as a 4-year-old day student. They did. She later went to St Anthony grade school to which she WALKED daily from their apartment on East Woodlawn Ave. So when the time came, it wasn't hard for her to convince Dad that the newly opened Holy Rosary Catholic School just a block from the house would be the best place for their children. In time all 5 were enrolled and they all WALKED to school. She volunteered to help with Festivals, Bingos and bake sales, all sorts of PTC jobs. She was a Den Mother for Cub Scouts and served as a representative for Catholic Girl Scouting in the archdiocese. She enjoyed gardening, crafting, baking and was always an avid reader who also completed every crossword puzzle she started. She took pleasure in her monthly Ladies Bunco groups, one of which gathered for well over 50 years.

PRECEDED in death by her parents; husband Russ in 2003; son, Jerry Garrett in 2011 and two adult grandchildren, Douglas Victor(2021) and Mary Catherine Vangelakos-Sanchez(2023). A legacy of surviving family members will cherish countless memories: Daughters Grace Victor (Ralph)- Schertz,TX; Christine Vangelakos (Augustus)San Antonio; Loretta McKay (Jerry)-Fontana, CA and son Rusty-William R Garrett Jr – Ft.Smith, AR; 9 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

Sincere GRATITUDE to all who helped guide Dottie through the final days of Alzheimers & Cancer. These treated her not as a diseased, memory-deprived patient, but as the valued “child of God” that she was: Amedysis Hospice team: Valerie Perez, Diana Rodriguez along with Amber, Kayla, Lauren and Rev. Kirsten Hancock; Father Neville O’Donohue, SM, pastor at Holy Rosary, whose visits assured her that her parish family had not forgotten her; Christine and Augie Vangelakos who honored Mom’s wish to remain at home. Their love, patience and care were critical in her ability to reach age 97 with joy in her heart.

SERVICES - Visitation: Mission Park North funeral home (Cherry Ridge) on Monday Feb 19, 5:00-8pm. Rosary:6:30. Funeral Mass: 10am Feb 20 at Holy Rosary Catholic Church. Entombment: at San Fernando #2, Mausoleum Chapel

In lieu of floral MEMORIALS, you may consider making a donation to the Holy Rosary Platinum Fund. As a founding member of this 75-year-old parish, it would please her to know her memory was honored in this manner.

Holy Rosary Church, 159 Camino Santa Maria, San Antonio,TX 78228.

Cemetery Details

San Fernando Cemetery #2

746 Castroville Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78237

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 19. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Rosary

FEB 19. 6:30 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

FEB **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LV

“ During visitation for Dottie, the Garretts and Victors told and retold family stories as we watched a slide show of her life. As a child Dottie beamed the same delightful smile that we all recognized in her later years. She always gave love and comfort to family, friends, and anyone who needed a helping hand. Until late in her journey, she was able to find joy in each day. Throughout her life on earth, Dottie experienced the happiness of loving and being loved: a little bit of heaven even before she sighed her last breath.

Loretta Victor - February 23, 2024 at 06:20 PM

GV

“ Grandma Dottie was one of the kindest, sweetest most loving and caring humans ever to have existed. She had so many kids and grandkids and great grandkids and even great great grandkids, but somehow she managed to make you feel like the most important person in the world anytime you interacted with her. she always made you feel welcome and blessed and the days, months and years spent with her will be cherished forever. her legacy will live and it's our job now to make her proud and know that she will be watching us and protecting us and cheering us on from up above now. we love you grandma to the moon and back and hopefully heaven knows how special a lady they have just acquired.

george vangalakos - February 20, 2024 at 05:11 PM

AH

“ A beloved sweet friend to me. I loved her fiesty bunco energy. Her faith and love for family and friends. She made us all feel like family. What a great life she had, amidst pain and sorrow she showed us that our faith would comfort us if we only asked God for it. I will miss you beautiful Dottie. I pray you find a bunco game in heaven. Love you.



Anna Harwell - February 18, 2024 at 02:49 PM

JW

“ Grace and Chrissie, I'm so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I always remember her as the sweetest lady when I was a child. She is now resting in the arms of our Lord. God give you peace in the journey without her. Love Janet Holzmann Weikel

Janet C Weikel - February 17, 2024 at 06:59 PM

AE

“ Grace.....my condolences for you and your family at this moment of your loss. I did not know your Mother, but I am sure she was wonderful as she raised a wonderful daughter. God bless you and your family.

Aaron Elmendorf - February 16, 2024 at 12:40 PM

JF

From Jack Finger:

My heartfelt sentiments to Christine, Rusty and all the members of the family. I have fond memories of Mrs. Garrett and, by extension, Mr. Garrett, from all those years ago. I wish I could have attended the funeral but did not see any newspaper obituary.

Dottie's legacy is much revered. She, Russ and countless other parents, friends, volunteers, teachers, clergy and members of the Holy Rosary family caused us to be extremely lucky kids as we were growing up. Of course, her most loving legacy is that of her own children, their children, their children's children...as they live a life in the Lord.

You and I are sad now but...the good news is that we will see her again.

Take care of yourselves. Lean on one another. And may God bless each and everyone of you!

Jack

Jack M. Finger - February 26, 2024 at 05:43 PM