



## Dorothy Eckert

August 26, 1925 - April 3, 2020

Dorothy Alma Pegg Eckert passed away peacefully into the hands of her Lord on Friday, April 3, 2020. She was in her 95th year. Dorothy was born on August 26, 1925 to Delbert Charles and Alma Marie (Nee-Frees) Pegg in San Antonio. Her family relocated to the Von Army area where she spent her childhood years growing up during the Great Depression.

Dorothy graduated from Somerset High School in 1941, after which she completed business school in San Antonio and was employed by an insurance company. She also served as a volunteer Red Cross nurse's assistant during World War II. The war was very personal to her as her two brothers, cousins and future husband were serving in the military.

Dorothy and Albert L. Eckert were married in May 31, 1947 and moved shortly after to San Antonio. Together, they added three members to the Baby Boom generation: sons, Larry and Reagan and daughter, Marla. Dorothy dedicated herself to raising her family. She truly loved being a mom and throughout her life she fondly said, "raising my kids was the best part of my life."

After her children were raised, Dorothy had the opportunity to pursue different hobbies and participate in her various clubs with which she was associated. It was here that she was able to combine her love of history and her leadership skills. Dorothy held various officer positions within the Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT) and the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

Dorothy often said that she was born with wanderlust and it was during this

time in her life that she was also able to pursue her love of travel. She loved traveling to new places, meeting new people and learning new things. After her husband died in 1992, Dorothy continued to travel with her children and cherished the memories that they made throughout their many adventures. Dorothy was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and quintessential Texan. She was steeled by her pioneer forefathers and the times she lived. She is survived by her son Larry, his wife Joy and their daughter Anna; her son Reagan, his wife Sandra and their son Reagan; and her daughter Marla. Dorothy was deeply loved and will be dearly missed.

# Cemetery Details

## **Mission Burial Park North**

20900 IH 10 West  
San Antonio, TX 78257

# Tribute Wall

ND

“ *Dear Eckert Family,*

*I was a friend of your mother, Dorothy through Alamo Mission Chapter, DRT.*

*I first met her in 2005 when I became a new member after retiring from public education as a Speech Pathologist. Your mother was so welcoming, kind, and supportive of DRT and always willing to pitch in...and yes... ..She was funny too!*

*I delighted in her acquaintance as I had lost my mother in 2004; Dorothy too was of the "World's Greatest Generation" ( as in the book about WWII)!*

*At that time, we had to bring tea sandwiches & refreshments for around 60 ladies to Alamo Hall for the meetings. Dorothy always participated and one time arrived with my mother's favorite refrigerator cookies to share. That did it...WE were Buddies then! What a fine, loving, and intelligent lady!*

*You must be very proud of her.*

*My sincere condolences and regards,  
Nancy Wray Dugger (Mrs. Richard)  
Alamo Mission Chapter, DRT*

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**Nancy Dugger** - April 12, 2020 at 06:43 PM

PF

“ Was so sorry to hear about the loss of your mom. I have such great memories as a child of running around everywhere with your family. I have a photo here from mom's stash when I was going through them of most of the families from Market Street. I remember your mom as so elegant and sweet. Sending my love and condolences. -  
- Patricia Schwencke Forsythe



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Patricia Forsythe - April 12, 2020 at 03:31 PM

DA

“ Please contribute to [projecthealingheroes.org](http://projecthealingheroes.org) or wounded warriors instead of flowers, Mom would like to help those that help us! We love all of our family and friends and need continued prayers for health and peace! Thanks!

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daughter - April 11, 2020 at 05:39 PM

ME

“ Mom never worked for an insurance company, she worked for the Sunshine Cracker company in San Antonio keeping books and records. When we would grocery shop, she would look for their products to support the local company.

Once, in the Handy Andy store in the new Wonderland Mall, we ran into one of the teachers Larry and I both had for 6th grade math...she very proudly told Mrs. Miller “Larry is a PILOT now and Math is Marla’s best subject, NO THANKS TO YOU!” Mrs. Miller would throw erasers at Larry getting chalk all over his shirts and on the first day of school, she told me to “go sit on the dummy row” next to the windows, just because I was his sibling! As I relocated, I walked right in front of her saying “With pleasure will I sit by the windows, I’ll have something NICE TO LOOK at, OUT THE WINDOW!” Ha!

Later they built a Piggly Wiggly store just blocks from our house. Mom started to notice there was a couple meeting on the far side, near the back of the store every afternoon after school. One day she brought my Instamatic Camera with her. As we returned from my school, she pulled up and parked next to the car with the cheaters inside. She got out and pressed the camera to the windshield snapping photos saying “I know your wife!” She jumped back in and we drove home laughing since there was no film in the camera and we didn’t know his wife! They never met at the Piggly Wiggly again!

She was very funny with a dry sarcastic humor. When she was using a cane we had stopped at Luby’s for dinner. In line beside her was a very young man with long hair and one earring. She turns to me and winks so I know she’s gonna say something...”Oh dear honey, you have lost one of your earrings!” When the guy answers her “I ONLY wear one earring!” She acts surprised saying “I AM SORRY, I thought you were a girl!” Funny!

When I took her to eat at Red Lobster in her wheel chair once, the

*waitress spoke very loudly and slowly to mom taking her order. Mom ordered, then turned to me saying... "she's deaf, you better speak up!" It was hilarious! 🤔*

*Mom never lost her hearing and often told me I was too loud. She would tell me hundreds of times a day, that she loved me and appreciated everything I did for her. I would answer her back "I love you too" sometimes thinking if I said it loudly she would quit long enough for me to hear a bit of news! That didn't work, she told me often as I explained I was just returning all the love she gave us...my father and brothers!*

*Mom was so proud of her heritage, loved doing her genealogical research. She often reminded us we were 6th generation Texan and descended from Lord DeLaWarre, Thomas West, one of the first Governors of Virginia. I'm so glad Reagan and I traveled with her to see Jamestown and the Shirley Plantation which was land granted to West by England for his service to the first settlers. The state of Delaware and West Point were named for him!*

*After I left for college, mom took an art class in Balcones Heights with Reverend Cortez. He called her Detailed Dorothy because she would put so much detail into her painting, it looked almost like a photograph. She was meticulous about most things, except maybe cooking. She wasn't the best cook, not the worst either, but she did enjoy when I was in homemaking and wanted to cook for she and Dad! I would cook whatever she wanted to eat, her favorite was the Thanksgiving meal and we often had turkey and stuffing year round!*

*She will be sorely missed, in fact it still feels like she is near, just not able to answer me! She would want me to say she had a good, long life, that she loved our Lord and everyone she knew!*

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**Marla Eckert** - April 11, 2020 at 09:01 AM

SS

*Great stories Marla, she will be missed. Wish I could have attended the service.*

**Sherry Schott** - April 11, 2020 at 10:21 AM

KV

*A life of fine memories for you, Marla. They'll give you peace.*

**karen veni** - April 11, 2020 at 02:40 PM

RS

*What wonderful stories and so very Dorothy. She always told it like it was and always with great wit and a twinkle in her eye. We shared our live of history and DAR, but I knew her best from our UDC chapter. She was a lovely lady who always gave her time to chapter projects that involved our veterans and especially after 911. She was one of a kind and a treat to be around! Rita*

**Rita Schimpff** - April 11, 2020 at 06:41 PM



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