



Eleanor S. Benke

October 26, 1920 - September 11, 2017

Eleanor S. Benke passed away Monday, September 11, 2017 in San Antonio, Texas. Visitation will be Friday, September 15 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Mission Park North Funeral Home. Services will be at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 16 at Hope Lutheran Church, 5714 Callaghan Rd. in San Antonio, with the Rev. Bill Swantner officiating. Burial will follow at Locke Hill Cemetery.

Eleanor was born in St. Louis, MO to Eleanor and C. S. Sullivan on October 26, 1920. She graduated from Maplewood High School in St. Louis and moved to San Antonio where she packed parachutes at Brooks Field during WWII. She married Alex H. Benke on August 14, 1948. Eleanor was an active member of Hope Lutheran Church for 54 years and worked in the registrar's office at John Marshall High School.

Eleanor was known for her design and creation of large banners for the ecumenical seasons used in the sanctuary of Hope Lutheran Church. She faithfully worked on supplies for Lutheran World Relief and supported Christian Assistance Ministry. In 2015 she was recognized by Christian Senior Services as a "Volunteer Making a Difference" for over 15 years of service delivering Meals on Wheels up until her 95th birthday. She lived in her own home, drove her own car, and went to the gym two times a week until her 95th birthday, when she decided to move into Independent Living.

Eleanor is survived by her son, Thomas P. Benke, her daughter-in-law, Lecy Benke, and grandson, Robert Benke, all of San Antonio; and by her son, Dr. David A. Benke and grandchildren, Marissa Benke, Alec Benke and Amanda Benke, all from Littleton, CO. She is also survived by her daughter-in-law, Sandra Gudat of Denver, CO, and sister-in-law, Beverly Sullivan of Marion, TX. She was blessed by nieces, great nieces and nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, and her husband of 50 years. The family would like to extend their sincere gratitude and appreciation to the staff at Newforest Assisted Living for the excellent and loving care provided Eleanor. Memorial donations may be made to Christian Assistance Ministry. (CAM)

Cemetery Details

Mission Lockehill Cemetery

10625 Fredericksburg Rd
San Antonio, TX 78240
(210) 698-5252
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **15**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

SEP **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Hope Lutheran Church
5714 Callaghan Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78228

Tribute Wall

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“ We were blessed to have known this dear lady.

Frank and Betty Gudat

Betty Gudat - September 15, 2017 at 01:38 PM

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“ The Weeks and Tippett families purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Eleanor S. Benke.



The Weeks and Tippett families - September 13, 2017 at 06:47 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eleanor S. Benke.



September 13, 2017 at 05:33 PM