

Elizabeth Luderus

June 16, 1931 - September 18, 2017

Elizabeth Luderus lived an incredible life with her time here on earth. She was a dedicated wife to her loving husband, Dewey Luderus, and mother to her four boys, Michael, James, Paul, and Gary. Elizabeth is survived by James, Paul, Gary, and her 11 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Elizabeth had a full work life with three separate careers: the first as a civil servant at Lackland Air Force base; Elizabeth then worked as a legal secretary at the law firm of Stewart Alexander while she simultaneously worked toward obtaining her degrees in Criminal Justice (Associate's at San Antonio College and Bachelor's at UTSA); this led to Elizabeth's third career and obvious passion of working to help many of the otherwise forgotten members of our society through her Counseling work. Elizabeth earned her Master's degree in Counseling, also from UTSA, and then obtained and maintained two state counseling licenses: Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) and Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor (LCDC), which she put to great use for years doing what could well be described as God's work – in her own way, of course.

It was Elizabeth's calling in life to help people. She worked tirelessly for those that needed help the most, to include her paid work with the incarcerated populations and her volunteer work at the Battered Women's Shelter, and the Children's Shelter (an orphanage for abused children). Elizabeth's heart was

boundless in bestowing her compassion and care. Anyone who spent any time with Elizabeth during these years would hear of the unrelenting challenges faced by these individuals but also her dedication to finding and working toward the best paths forward to a successful life. Elizabeth finished this last career as the lead counselor at the Dominguez State Jail; retiring at 82 years old.

Throughout her life, Elizabeth was a devoted Christian and Catholic. Elizabeth was a member of Victory Temple, a small west-side bible-based church and Saint Dominic's Catholic Church. Elizabeth received Last Rites from longtime family friend Father John Markey.

There is no way to measure or accurately convey the impact Elizabeth had improving hundreds of people's lives. Elizabeth is loved beyond measure and her absence will be felt and missed for years to come.

A memorial service will be held at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **27**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

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“ I knew Elizabeth mostly from occasional phone calls. We met through Paul when he attended Tarkio College in MO. That was back in 1982 I believe. I was always moved by her unfailing love for Paul, her deep concern for him and his children and would he ever find his way. The good news ...he did find “his” way. Last I had heard she was working within the prison system as always sharing her knowledge and her true commitment to learning. She really believed in education and the benefits it would bring to your life. I think I may have only met her once in San Antonio about 1997, I’m not sure it was so long ago but I have always had a healthy respect for her advice and clarity. Rest In Peace Elizabeth. You worked hard for it. I am sure that Dewey will be happy to behold your beautiful face once more. With love Eleanor Fallon

Eleanor Fallon - October 01, 2017 at 04:29 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Luderus.



September 27, 2017 at 04:21 PM

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“ We got to meet her through her son Paul and she was always gracious and hospitable. She and her family are in our prayers. Love and Blessings, Al and Angela Notzon

Al Notzon - September 27, 2017 at 03:44 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Luderus.*



September 27, 2017 at 10:31 AM



“ *My memories of my Aunt Elizabeth will be with me forever. I remember her camping in Garner State Park. I remember driving with her in her little Volkswagen beetle (one of the many Uncle Buddy put together) to go pick up Michael from Central Catholic. She had a way of always making me feel like her most treasured nephew though I know I was one of many. I can still see her sitting in my Mom's kitchen drinking coffee and eating pan dulce with the aunts. Most of all, I remember her love for all of us. To my cousins Jimmy, Paul and Gary who now must live with only her memory to comfort them, I pray God grant them the grace to allow them to live knowing how much she loved them each and every day.*

Will Thornton

William Dewey Thornton - September 27, 2017 at 10:22 AM



“ *Please accept our condolences on the passing of Mrs. Luderus. It was an honor to have known such an interesting and wonderful person.*

Our prayers are with you and your family.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

Diana Caballero and Staff - September 25, 2017 at 11:50 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Luderus.*



September 25, 2017 at 08:44 PM



“ *To us, Elizabeth was a strong, loving anchor for Kacie and Derrick during good times and bad. She gave me good counsel and strong rebuke but it was always wrapped in concern and love. She kept the family connection open so Kacie and Derrick could benefit from the love of their Texas family. Her love travelled the distances and I'll always be grateful to her. Blessings forever.*

Laura Reisdorph - September 25, 2017 at 06:00 PM



“ *I offer my prayers and condolences to you and your family Paul. May your mom rest in peace.*

*From,
Mark Cortinas*

Mark Cortinas - September 24, 2017 at 11:17 PM



“ *Mario Cheryl and family purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Elizabeth Luderus.*



Mario Cheryl and family - September 22, 2017 at 08:48 PM

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“ Elizabeth and Dewey were so kind to all of us, friends of Mickey. We were always welcome in their house and Elizabeth always had a smile in her heart and a laugh in her conversations. We will miss her...but she lives on in her children who are dear to us.

Until we meet again!

Ron Rodriguez - September 22, 2017 at 07:40 PM

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“ Although I only knew Mama Luderan for close to 2 years she made a great impact on my life and we shared lot of good stories I could listen for hours. We would watch TV we lived some of the same shows and we shared mutual feelings about the characters. I called her Mama and she never minded. Going out to eat was so much fun again sharing stories. I have to say I loved her and felt blessed to have her in my life. She always had a smile and she always about my daddy, they were funny together. Mama I love you no more pain and rest in heaven you told me you were ready although we were not

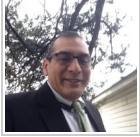
Deenean Fitzpatrick - September 22, 2017 at 07:04 PM

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“ She was an intelligent and fun, loving woman who always shared great conversation with me at Dewey's birthday parties. I'm so sorry for your loss. Your mom was an terrific spirit and she will be missed. Prayers for the family, from the Peche's.



Margaret Peche - September 22, 2017 at 03:41 PM



“ *There is no way to measure how many lives my beautiful mother touched, she was so generous and kind. If you stop and think how incredible it would be to have a 80 year old grandma working 40 hours a week in a prison!*

That's my mama! I am most grateful on the impact she had on my son Dewey Paul, she was always there for him and gave him constant gentleman lessons. Rest In Peace



Paul Luderus - September 22, 2017 at 01:42 PM



“ *She loved to sit and hear about my day and school. Love and Miss you gma!lil Ben and gma in pic.*



Korina Castro - September 22, 2017 at 09:19 AM