



Elma Elmer

August 24, 1928 - January 15, 2020

Elma Elmer passed away peacefully in her sleep on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at the age of 91.

Elma was born in San Antonio, TX to Edward and Mary Gemblar. She was the second youngest of seven children and grew up living and working on her parents farm on the southeast side of San Antonio. She was never afraid to work hard and get dirty, something she learned early on in life and never forgot. She was taught by her family, especially her mother, that you take care of others who have less than you.

She attended W.W. White School where she was the 8th grade class vice president. Later she attended Sam Houston High School and played multiple sports and participated in pep squad. She stayed in touch with many friends from high school throughout her life.

Elma met Albert Elmer Jr., also from San Antonio, at Hilltop Dancehall. They were married at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in November of 1946. They both enjoyed dancing, food, playing cards and bingo, and their families. They had three children, Albert III, Deborah and Denise and celebrated 61 years of marriage before Albert passed in 2008.

Elma worked as a server at Naples Italian Restaurant in San Antonio for 25

years. She had many stories to tell about the people she served, including her beloved Elvis Presley before he was famous. She loved to tell jokes and was a natural comedian. She kept everyone laughing and had a joke for every occasion. She loved God and was strong in her faith. She was a wonderful cook and learned a lot of Italian specialties from her Italian in-laws. She was one of the biggest San Antonio Spurs fans anyone has ever met and watched almost every game. She loved her dog, Texas, who was her companion for the past 8 years. Other than being a terrific wife, mother and grandmother, her biggest accomplishment was staying in touch with so many people. She spoke with all of her family, distant relatives, old friends and new friends on a regular basis. She loved talking on the phone and chatting about life. She remembered every story, every birthday, and every important event. It was impressive to say the least.

Although she endured many hardships in her life, including the loss of her son, Albert Elmer, III, the loss of her grandson, Gerald Hall, Jr. and her battle with stomach cancer, she always persevered. She was strong, independent, hilarious, courageous, and loved to love.

Elma is survived by her daughters, Deborah Hall and Denise Giguere, grandchildren, Michael Giguere, Stephanie Hall Campos, and Mark Hall, son-in-law, Gerald Hall, grandson-in-law, Zachary Campos, and many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends who she loved as family.

Thank you to all who loved Elma and kept in touch with her. Your friendship meant the world to her. A special thank you to Dollie Johnson for always making sure she got to her doctor appointments and Luby's afterwards and all others that helped to make sure she was taken care of.

VIEWING:

Monday, January, 20, 2020, 6 - 9 p.m.

Rosary - 7 p.m.

Mission Park Funeral Chapel North
3401 Cherry Ridge

FUNERAL:

Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 10:30 a.m.

St. Pius X Catholic Church
3907 Harry Wurzbach

BURIAL:

Mission Retama Cemetery
15940 Lookout Rd.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Elma to:

Northeast Senior Assistance (NESA)
2903 Nacogdoches Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78217

The Brighton Center
14207 Higgins Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78217

Cemetery Details

Mission Retama Cemetery

15940 Lookout Road
San Antonio, TX 78202
(210) 967-4242
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 6:00 AM - 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/>

Rosary

JAN 20. 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Mass of Resurrection

JAN 21. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Pius X Catholic Church
3907 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX

Tribute Wall

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“ *I will always remember your mom. She was very sweet. My condolences.* ”



Linda Rice - January 20, 2020 at 07:15 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elma Elmer.* ”



January 20, 2020 at 01:41 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Elma Elmer.* ”



January 20, 2020 at 11:31 AM

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“ I remember Elma Elmer fairly well she will be missed by so so many her and her husband always treated me like family I grew up 2 blocks away when I was a small girl and her in laws lived across the street from me I would go to there big italian dinners every sunday there Elmai in kitchen cooking with her in laws always joking and tons of laughter and not to mention the wonderful smells of all the delious food those are the memories i will cherish forever.I know the lord must have needed another angel in heaven and they sure got a good one and I hope they love to laugh because she will have them all laughing best of all she will be reunited with her son and loving husband,may she rest peacefully in the embrace of her family,I will love you forever in my heart.



laura gleason - January 19, 2020 at 07:37 PM

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“ I loved your stories, laughter, and smile! I miss you already; and, I still miss Uncle Al.

*Mike and Sharon Tinnon
San Antonio, Texas, USA*



Mike Tinnon - January 17, 2020 at 05:39 PM

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“ Love, Your SAA Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Elma Elmer.



Love, Your SAA Family - January 17, 2020 at 12:04 PM