



Esther Pearl Bernhard

January 20, 1922 - September 28, 2007

Esther Pearl Hale Bernhard passed away peacefully in her home on September 28, 2007 after a long battle with cancer. She was surrounded by family and friends singing her favorite songs and hymns. Born to Alpheus and Maude Hargrave Hale on January 20, 1922 in San Antonio, TX, Esther started school in Brundage, TX and lived in many other south Texas towns before graduating from Harlandale High School in 1939. She held several jobs before proudly serving in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps and the Women's Army Corps for 3 years during WWII. On June 17, 1950, Esther married Raymond Bernhard who would be her devoted husband for 44 years. She received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Trinity University. Teaching was the career Esther passionately chose to follow in SAISD for 28 years. She promoted lifelong learning in all whose lives she touched. Esther also served as Membership Chairman for Region 20 of the National Education Assoc. She was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, the National Education Assoc., Texas State Teachers Assoc., San Antonio Area Retired Teachers Assoc., and Delta Kappa Gamma-Zeta Beta Chapter. Esther was preceded in death by her loving husband, Raymond Bernhard; brothers and sisters-in-law, Beven and Tress Hale and Stanley and Lola Hale; and her beloved pets. She is survived by her daughter, Robin Bernhard; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Cleburne and Dorothy Hale Bernhard; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins; many dear friends; and four canine friends. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Crestholme Presbyterian Church, Adventa

Hospice, or to your charity of choice.

Service

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, October 2, 2007 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Funeral services will be Wednesday, October 3, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at Crestholme Presbyterian Church. Interment will follow at Mission Burial Park South.

For personal acknowledgement you may sign the guest book at www.missionparks.com in the obituary section.

Tribute Wall

LP

“ My deepest and profound sympathy for your loss. I pray that your sorrow be comforted as God’s word tells us, “Blessed are those who mourn, They will be comforted.” I can only imagine how precious and special Ester is to you. I pray that the love you ha

Linda Pharis - October 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ Robin, My prayers are with you in your time of need. Wish I could do more. If by chance you ever need anything from me please feel free to contact me. Its been 2 yrs since I lost my father and I still pick up the phone to call him. I understand what you

Cindee Transue Rennspies - October 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ I TAUGHT WITH MRS. BERNHARD AT HILLCREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN SAISD FOR MANY YEARS. A WONDERFUL LADY AND FRIEND, I'LL REMEMBER HER FOR HER HUMOR AND GREAT ADVISOR & WISDOM. OUR SYMPATHY FOR HER DAUGHTER AND FAMILY.

RICHARD O. TORRES & SONS,MARK,SHAFIQ,PAUL - October 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Robin, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God sustain you through this time. Love, Eva

Jim & Eva Meloche - October 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GE

“ *Esther Hale Bernhard: A most lovely and gracious lady, devoted wife and mother, teacher of our nation's youth by deed and example. Esther personally participated in the defense of our nation in a time of danger and great peril that threatened the very exi*

George Eicke - October 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ *Robin,
Your Mother was a great woman and we will continue to keep you and your family in our prayers.*

Kenneth and Gayla Laechelin

Kenneth and Gayla Laechelin - October 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *Robin:
I was saddened when I read of your mom's passing. Even though we have been out of touch for a while, I still think of you often and our times at SAC and Incarnate Word. My prayers are with you. Mom is in a much better place and with your dad. God*

Sylvia Sammie Robinson - September 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Enjoyed our many Harlandale High School reunions with you. Raymond, You and Esther Pearl will always be a part of my memories.
Ernie Denham*

Ernest Denham - September 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM