



Esther Forestier Brayden

November 28, 1941 - April 23, 2020

BRAYDEN

Esther Forestier Brayden, born November 28, 1941 in San Antonio, Texas to Elia and John Paul Forestier, passed away April 23, 2020.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Charles Brayden Sr., sons Charles Jr. and Jason Brayden, son-in-law James Gaines, granddaughters Judith and Jillian Brayden, brothers John Forestier, Jose Castillo and wife Sara, and James Forestier and wife Charlotte. She is also survived by her in laws Dudley Higginbotham, Mark Brayden and wife Iris of Baton Rouge, Elaine Gautier of Charleston, Robert Brayden of Louisville and Geneva Lane of Hammond, Louisiana as well as numerous nephews, nieces and their spouses and children whom she loved dearly. Esther was preceded in death by her parents and sister Stella Higginbotham.

After graduating from what is now Fox Tech High School, Esther received degrees from San Antonio College, Texas Woman's University and Webster University. She returned to SAISD as a teacher after graduation from TWU where she devoted her entire career, which spanned over three decades, to educating and empowering the students of the district at JT Brackenridge, Nelson and Ogden Elementary Schools and Cooper Junior High. Upon retirement she continued in education by serving as a mentor to student teachers from UTSA as they prepared to embark on their own careers. Throughout, Esther was a devoted parishioner of St. Gregory the Great

Catholic Church where she participated in many service organizations including the St. Vincent DePaul Society and the Altar Society. Also, in line with being a proud San Antonian, Esther was a lifelong Spurs fan who could be heard cheering her team on as she listened to radio broadcasts of the games while she prepared lessons for her students. Overall, Esther was known for her unconditional love for her family and friends, her enormous capacity for caring, her unwavering devotion to children and education and her grace and dignity which endeared her to so many whose lives she touched. She will be missed by so many.

SERVICE

Visitation will be held on Sunday, April 26, 2020 from 6:00pm-9:00pm, with a Rosary at 7:00pm at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. Funeral Services will be on Monday, April 27, 2020 at 10:00am at the funeral home chapel, with interment to follow at Mission Burial Park North. Due to Covid 19 restrictions, a 10 person maximum will be allowed in the chapel at one time. Chapel Services will be live streamed and viewable at www.missionparks.com. For personal acknowledgement, you may sign the online guestbook at www.missionparks.com in the Tributes section.

MISSION PARK FUNERAL CHAPELS NORTH
3401 CHERRY RIDGE DR.
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78230
(210) 349-1414

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park North

20900 IH 10 West
San Antonio, TX 78257

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 26. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
1700 SE Military Dr
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Rosary

APR 26. 7:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Drive
San Antonio, TX 78230

Chapel Service

APR 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Drive
San Antonio, TX 78230

Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Esther Forestier Brayden* ”



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - April 26, 2020 at 05:47 PM

IB

We cant see the stream]

Iris Brayden - April 26, 2020 at 08:11 PM

IB

can you turn volume up?

Iris Brayden - April 26, 2020 at 08:15 PM



Is the funeral streaming yet?

Lorraine Meiners-Lovel - April 27, 2020 at 11:04 AM

SG

asking for password

Susan Guadarrama - April 27, 2020 at 11:07 AM

DB

Password is "Brayden"

I can't get it to work

David Brayden - April 27, 2020 at 11:12 AM



The stream has stopped for me. Anyone else having technical difficulties?

Lorraine Meiners-Lovel - April 27, 2020 at 11:13 AM



The password is Brayden.

Lorraine Meiners-Lovel - April 27, 2020 at 11:17 AM

FG

“ 27 YEARS AGO - 1st grade to 3rd grade: I was a student of Mrs. Brayden at Ira Ogden Elementary. I'm saddened to hear of her passing. Here I was sharing with my partner why I am great with using chopsticks and quickly looked her up to see what she is up to in SAISD. In third grade she taught my class how to use chopsticks. All I can say, although I was young, she left a forever impression in my life. She was like a Mom to me. Rest In Peace Esther.

Fernando Gomez - May 18, 2020 at 09:23 PM

JH

“ We were saddened to hear about the passing of Esther. She and Margaret had a special friendship. We're thankful for the memories Esther gave to our family. Praying for you all. The Brown family- Loren, Jeff, Jacki, Malory and Bryce

Jaclyn Hanover - May 01, 2020 at 12:06 AM

AA

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family. May she rest in peace, Love, Cruz & Ana Marie Arizmendi

Ana Marie Arizmendi - April 27, 2020 at 12:37 PM

EN

“ Mrs. Esther will be greatly missed. She was such a joy to be around and could always light up a room. I loved watching her dance and snap her fingers every time she heard latino music playing in the background. It has been a privilege and honor to take care of her.

Elizabeth Negrila - April 27, 2020 at 11:06 AM

DB

“ Rest in peace, Aunt Esther. You were a kind, wonderful woman. I'm grateful you were in my life. I will always fondly remember my many trips to San Antonio and staying at your house. I love you.

David Brayden - April 27, 2020 at 10:56 AM

DS

“ I was so sad to hear about the passing of your mom. My deepest condolences to you and your family. What an "impact statement" she made in her lifetime with all the students she taught. Davi-Ann

Davi-Ann Swerzenski - April 27, 2020 at 09:36 AM

MG

“ *Michael & Josie Garcia, Our deepest sympathy to a life long friend. We were neighbors and also attended De Zavala Elementary School all the way to Tech High school. We shared our friendship all our lives. Our brother Henry and James attended class together. Henry went to Brackenridge and served in the Navy during Vietnam. He graduated from the University of Texas at Austin, as did our sister Clara.*

My son married Stephanie Angelini and her aunt , Inez Angelini was Esther's neighbor and both served at St. Gregory the Great Catholic church. Interesting history.

Stephanie and my son Michael Garcia extend the deepest sympathy to the family.

My brother Henry and his wife Elvira Garcia also extend their deepest sympathy.

My sister Clara Alonso is a widow and also extends her deepest sympathy.

We were not able to attend services due to our illness as well and we are sadden by this.

We are all proud of Esther and all her accomplishments. We pray for her fine family.

Michael and Josie Garcia

Michael Garcia - April 27, 2020 at 01:23 AM

DH

“ *We love you Aunt Esther...you are gone but not forgotten. I'm sure your happy and whole again and celebrating with your Mom & Dad and sister...we love you and give my Mom a kiss for me. 🥰🦋*



Debbie Higginbotham - April 27, 2020 at 12:10 AM

EC

“ My condolences to the Brayden family. Knowing Esther was a great joy. She was a true friend with a great sense of humor. Working together at Ogden was full of learning experiences and laughter. She will be greatly missed.



Keep your good memories in your heart and alive.

Love
Emma R Chamberlain

Emma R Chamberlain - April 26, 2020 at 09:34 PM

DG

“ Rest in peace in the arms of our Lord. - Frank and Dolores Grijalva

*Still have memories of you and Stella as we were growing up. Going to your house was so much fun, and your mother always made our visits so enjoyable. Now you can be with your sister in heaven. May you rest in peace. - Dolores Martinez Grijalva
Stella Martinez Vera*

Dolores Grijalva - April 26, 2020 at 08:57 PM

RR

“ Out deepest condolences to the Brayden family. Be comforted knowing the love and legacy that she left will be felt by many for years to come.
Bob and Linda Reimers



ROBERT REIMERS - April 26, 2020 at 06:04 PM

EA

“ *ESTELA DELGADO ARISPE & EDWARD ARISPE purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Esther Forestier Brayden.*



ESTELA DELGADO ARISPE & EDWARD ARISPE - April 26, 2020 at 02:38 PM

SG

“ *On behalf of Inez Angelini we want to say that it is with great sadness to see that our dear aunts friend has left this world. Esther was a faithful loving friend to our aunt Inez for many years. Enjoying weekly mass every Saturday evening and of course supper after with church friends. When my aunt was no longer able to drive she was right there to take over the wheel. She made it possible for Inez to keep enjoying the things they loved to do together. It was always a joy to see them together they were truly best friends. Esther and Inez spent a lot of time together servings different organizations at St. Gregorys Catholic church. Esther often came with Inez to our family gatherings. We always felt that she was a part of our family and was always welcomed. Esther visited with my aunt in October of 2018. Memory on both parts may not have been clear but they visited like two old friends. We will be forever grateful for the friendship that Esther had with Inez. She will be missed by many.*

Love

Susan Guadarrama

Stephanie Garcia



Susan Guadarrama - April 26, 2020 at 01:48 PM

DR

“ We're sorry for your lost. May she rest in eternal peace 🙏 Love,
John and Delia Rodriguez

Delia Rodriguez - April 26, 2020 at 12:47 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for
the family of Esther Forestier Brayden.



April 26, 2020 at 08:54 AM

ST

“ St. Gregory Cougars Baseball Team purchased
the Ringed by Love for the family of Esther
Forestier Brayden.



St. Gregory Cougars Baseball Team - April 25, 2020 at 09:26
PM

JF

“ Joseph and Megan Castillo and family purchased
the Fairest of All for the family of Esther Forestier
Brayden.



Joseph and Megan Castillo and family - April 25, 2020 at
08:24 PM

SS

“ So sorry for the loss of a wonderful friend ,she was a great lady who will be greatly missed ! All our love to Chuck ,Charlie,Jason and family.
Larry & Sheila

sheila spengler - April 25, 2020 at 08:23 PM

LF

“ Lorraine Meiners-Lovel and Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Esther Forestier Brayden.



Lorraine Meiners-Lovel and Family - April 25, 2020 at 02:44 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Esther Forestier Brayden.



April 25, 2020 at 01:28 PM

DK

“ So sorry for your loss. With Love from Doris Burnett Kinsey, former wife of Tom Burnett.
(210) 494-9877.

Doris Kinsey - April 25, 2020 at 09:40 AM

LS

“ Love, Cheryl Thiery & Jason Salinas purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Esther Forestier Brayden.



Love, Cheryl Thiery & Jason Salinas - April 24, 2020 at 09:35 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Esther Forestier Brayden.



April 24, 2020 at 08:54 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Esther Forestier Brayden.



April 24, 2020 at 08:48 PM

LR

“ Primo so sorry for the loss of your beautiful sister. May she Rest In Peace and Perpetual Light Shine Upon Her.



Linda Ricondo Ramos - April 24, 2020 at 08:45 PM

JF

Thank you for your thoughts.

james forestier - April 24, 2020 at 08:59 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Esther Forestier Brayden.*



April 24, 2020 at 08:13 PM

MY

“ *I was extremely saddened when I learned about my dear friend's demise. She was a great lady who extended herself to many of her friends. She was always there for you and we shared so much laughter and joy. I always enjoyed out trips to Rock Port with her and her chicken salad sandwiches. Esther was always full of joy and demonstrated it when her friends gathered around.*



She was a very caring and loving woman, who was so proud of her family.

Although, she is gone, her memories will be close to my heart and be treasured

for ever more.

Rest In Peace my precious friend. I offer my condolences to Charles and her sons and the rest of the family.

*Love,
Myrtha*

Myrtha - April 24, 2020 at 03:24 PM

MK

“ *Dearest Charles and Family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you
during this time of loss. I was blessed to have
been one of Esther's many friends and can
only add what a truly phenomenal individual
she was ! God bless you , comfort you and bring you peace during
this period of sorrow.*



Meredith Key - April 24, 2020 at 03:21 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for
the family of Esther Forestier Brayden.*



April 24, 2020 at 10:27 AM