



## Eunice Melanie (Glenewinkel) Irwin

August 11, 1924 - January 8, 2022

### EUNICE MELANIE (GLENEWINKEL) IRWIN

Eunice Melanie (Glenewinkel) Irwin entered eternal rest on January 8, 2022, at the age of 97 years after a struggle with Alzheimer's Disease. She was born August 11, 1924, to Harry and Alma (Hagemann) Glenewinkel near Hunter, TX, in Hays County.

Eunice graduated from Kingsbury High School in Kingsbury, TX, and after graduation worked in Seguin, TX, at Duke & Ayres variety store. After her sister, Nelda, graduated high school, she and Eunice moved to San Antonio and worked at Fort Sam Houston during World War II.

After the war, on June 23, 1946, she married Paul T. (Jack) Irwin at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Seguin. Their permanent home became San Antonio where Jack was employed by Humble Oil Company, which eventually became Exxon Oil Company.

Eunice was a content, busy and happy housewife and mother. Patrick was born 12/17/48 and Cathy 3/1/50. She said she had her hands full! Eunice and Jack were very involved parents with Cub Scouts, baseball, band boosters, PTA, and she was always a room mother. Later, they were Aggie parents and attended many A&M football games. They were active members of Hope Presbyterian Church. When their grandchildren arrived, they always enjoyed spending time with them. She was very proud to pay for her four grandchildren's college educations. Eunice even got to know her four great-

granddaughters.

She was a great cook and had an enormous garden for years. She canned everything and loved sharing her bounty with family and friends. Jack was a deer hunter! The whole family processed those deer and made wonderful sausage using her father's recipe.

When Jack's WWII Navy Ship, the USS Charles Ausburne, started reunions, Jack and Eunice hosted several reunions in San Antonio. They attended every reunion all over the United States and traveled extensively until Jack's death. Eunice continued attending reunions and enjoyed seeing former shipmates and their wives.

Eunice worked on her maternal (Hagemann) family history for many years and published her work for the family. Libraries in Seguin, New Braunfels, and surrounding towns accepted her book, too. Her research was done before computers and Ancestry.com. It was a huge undertaking and really difficult, but she loved it. She said the facts speak for themselves but the family stories bring the ancestors to life.

After several falls and surgeries, Eunice moved to Villa de San Antonio assisted living.

She was very happy there and made many good friends. Every day she played cards, dominoes, bingo, and whatever else was happening — except happy hour! Not for her.

When she needed more assistance, Eunice moved to Honey's House, a wonderful assisted living in Helotes, TX. After a brief adjustment, she settled in and was so cared for there. She loved them, and they loved her.

Eunice was a widow for thirty years. A few years ago, out of the blue, she said, "You know, I miss Jack every single day." With this and her failing health, we know she was ready and is dancing across Heaven with her beloved Jack. This gives us peace.

Eunice was preceded in death by her husband, Jack, and her parents; her brother, L Roy; brother-in-law, Harold Ewald; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law

Glen & Ruth Irwin, Jack & Marie (Irwin) Thompson, Lowell (Shortie) & Sybil Irwin; nephew, Bob Irwin.

She is survived by her son, Patrick Irwin (Darlene); daughter, Cathy Fahnert (Randy); her grandchildren: Matthew Fahnert (Celeste); Preston Irwin (Alice); Paisley Irwin-Patrick (Sean); Chelsey Irwin; great-granddaughters Izzy, Juliet, Harper and Quinn Fahnert; her beloved sister and best friend, Nelda Ewald; sister-in-law, Marietta Glenewinkel; numerous nephews, nieces, other relatives and friends.

Honorary pallbearers are Matthew Fahnert, Preston Irwin, Sean Patrick, Larry Ewald, Bart Ewald, Ronnie Via, and Don Knox.

For anyone wishing to make a memorial donation, please consider Boysville. Jack and Eunice supported Boysville for many years. Boysville, Inc, 8555 TX-1604 Loop, Converse, TX 78109.

A 1:00 p.m., graveside service will be on Friday, January 14, 2022 at San Geronimo Cemetery in Seguin, TX 78155

# Cemetery Details

## San Geronimo Cemetery

1620 E. Walnut St.  
Seguin, TX 78155

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JAN 14. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Pat and Cathy, I was so sorry to hear about your mother's passing. I remember all of us having grown up together in our neighborhood and our mothers somehow tasked with looking out for all of us when we played at each other's house.

I also remember my mom and dad saying they had run into your mom and dad on the dance floor from time to time. I imagine all four are again dancing the two-step in heaven.

I know you will miss her dearly.

*Sheri Welch Loper*

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**Sheri Loper** - January 17, 2022 at 01:55 PM

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“ So sorry to get this news but I know we all have to cross this bridge. We have many memories of family reunions at Laubach and Aunt Alma & Uncle Harry's home. Over the years I guess life just got in the way and we lost track. We have wondered several time but called. Now we know. God bless you guys as she carries on in peace with Her reunion. Love Charles & Ann

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**Charles Morisey** - January 14, 2022 at 02:56 PM

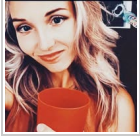


“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eunice Melanie (Glenewinkel) Irwin.



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January 13, 2022 at 01:43 PM



“ Aunt Eunice always felt like a second grandmother to me. My favorite memory would be when she came to my fourth grade class to talk to us about German immigration to Texas. Our class was reading a book series about a little girl who came to Texas with her family in the 1800s. I thought Aunt Eunice was the perfect person to talk to us about it because of all her research she did on the topic. I still have my family history book on my bookshelf so I can pass it down to my daughter.

--- Andrea Ewald Cravens

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**Andrea Cravens** - January 13, 2022 at 12:34 PM



“ Mission Park North lit a candle in memory of Eunice Melanie (Glenewinkel) Irwin



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**Mission Park North** - January 13, 2022 at 11:53 AM