



## Florence Irene Mashburn

June 14, 1932 - November 4, 2018

Jesus said, I am the resurrection and I am the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. I died, and behold I am alive for evermore, and I hold the keys of hell and death. Because I live, you shall live also.

Florence Irene Gould was born on June 14, 1932, the fourth child to Florence Pittman and Sidney Gould. She grew up in south Texas, around the San Antonio area. She left school at the 9th grade to help the family, and take care of her younger brother, Alfred. She later met a handsome soldier, Billie Jean Mashburn. They married in a quiet ceremony in the family home, and she became Irene Mashburn.

They wanted a family and so adopted a baby girl, Patricia Daline. Later their family grew as they had another daughter, Billie Jean, named after her dad. The girls wanted a baby brother, but Irene could not have any more children. So they became foster parents. This way the girls had many little brothers over time. Then one of those babies grabbed a special place in their hearts, and Richard Allen became permanently theirs. Now the girls would always have a brother.

Irene loved children so there were many more that graced their home as she babysat for many friends at church that needed child care as they worked. When you visited there were always toys on the floor for little ones to keep them entertained.

Irene was close to family too and was always part of family gatherings. We would do bar-b-q's, with potato salad and homemade ice cream. Her steamed cabbage was one dish that was loved by many family members, but her aunt Betty always made the corn bread to go with it. ... And at other times it was just visiting and having fried baloney sandwiches. She always thought everyone needed to be fed... She loved to play games too. Many an evening she would play cards like Rook, Rummy, or Canasta with family, or play dominoes with friends from church.

Irene was quite the helper, always giving of herself. She helped take care of her mother and her aunt Mattie as they aged and became ill. She took in boarders who were elderly and could no longer live alone. She worked as a caregiver in the homes of many elderly women through out San Antonio, and even here in Karnes City when she first moved here.

Another aspect of Irene was her faith. She loved God and the church. In San Antonio she was a strong member of the Disciples of Christ church. She raised her children in the church. But no matter which church she was attending, those people became her family as well. She gave of her time and finances as much as she could. And if anyone needed help she would be there. When she was younger, if they needed clothes, she would help by sewing. Later when she could no longer sew, she would open her own closet to help. ... She loved to sing the songs of faith, even though she could not carry a tune in a bucket (as she would put it), but the babies that she held and rocked did not seem to mind. She served faithfully in what ever way she was capable of doing. I know that Christ will welcome her with open arms.

Irene is preceded in death by her parents; her siblings: Eugene, Sidney, Doris, and Alfred; her daughter: Jean; and granddaughter Candace. She leaves behind her children: Pat and Ricky (Cindy), grandchildren: Caleb, Joshua, Micah (Monica), Laura (Mack), and Elizabeth (Nick), 12 great-grandchildren: Logan, Josiah, Jeremiah, Tabitha, Hunter, Mathis, Korbyt, Zachary, Lexi, Ben, Madison, and Lily; many cousins, nieces and nephews, and many, many friends whom she considered family. She is loved and will be greatly missed,

but we praise God for her life with us.

# Cemetery Details

## **Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery**

1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Previous Events

## **Visitation**

NOV 9. 5:00 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/>