



## George & Mary Diane Stich

April 7, 1933 - October 8, 2024

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of our beloved Mary Diane Stich, a woman whose warmth, kindness, and boundless love touched all who had the privilege to know her. She left us on October 8, 2024, surrounded by her family, leaving a legacy of strength, compassion, and unwavering devotion to those she held dear.

Diane was born on April 7, 1933, in San Antonio, Texas, to Robert Oran Bellinger and Ruby Marian Tom Bellinger. Diane was preceded in death by her devoted parents, her brother, Robert Oran Bellinger Jr., and by her husband, George Allan Stich.

Her three children were the greatest joys of her life. She was a proud and loving mother to Sheryl Childress (husband Dr. Joe Childress), Daniel Stich, and Tonia Bode. As a devoted grandmother, she cherished her seven grandchildren: Jessica Stone (husband Joshua Stone), Jayme Russell (husband William Russell), Lindsay Furr (husband Evan Furr), Elizabeth Stich, Hannah Bode, Hailey Bode, and Natalie Bode. Her legacy of love extended to her three great-grandchildren, Will Russell, Wyatt Russell, and Reese Furr, who brought her immense happiness and pride.

Diane was more than a matriarch; she was the glue that held the family together, a source of comfort in hard times and a non-tiring leader in finding

the good in life. She filled her home with laughter, stories, and the smell of her famous cookies, welcoming all who crossed her threshold with open arms. Her cooking was an expression of her warmth and creativity, leaving memories as rich and delightful as the dishes she prepared. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were blessed to experience her love in abundance, and they will carry her spirit forward in their hearts.

Her love of butterflies was a reflection of her gentle spirit and belief in transformation, beauty, and hope. Whether watching them flutter by or collecting keepsakes, butterflies always brought her peace and reminded her of life's delicate yet resilient nature. Just like the butterflies she cherished, she filled the world with color and grace, leaving a lasting impact on those she loved.

Her life and her deep love for her family were beautifully intertwined with the love she shared with her late husband, George. It was her heartfelt wish that they be laid to rest together, side by side, as they were in life. We will honor them both in a joint celebration of their lives, a tribute to the love they shared and the family they built together.

Her legacy lives on through her family, who will forever cherish the values she instilled in them—love, resilience, and the importance of togetherness. Though she is no longer with us, her presence will be felt in every family gathering, every shared memory, and in the love that binds us all.

A graveside service will be held on October 25, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at Mission South Cemetery, 1700 SE Military Drive, San Antonio, TX 78214. Following the service, a celebration of life will take place at 700 E. Olmos Drive, San Antonio, TX 78212.

Rest in peace, Diane and George. Your love will light our way until we meet

again.

# Previous Events

## A Celebration of a Life Well Lived

OCT **25**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories

1700 SE Military Dr

San Antonio, TX 78214

(210) 924-4242

<https://www.missionparks.com/>

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Diane was one of a kind, a very very special person in our lives as well as so many others. We believe our God created us all, but when God created Diane He blessed her with his love, compassion and care for others no matter who they were. I believe our Lord showed his precious love and kindness thru Diane to touch so many, praise our Lord Jesus Christ for Diane in our lives. You will be missed! 🌹*

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**Joe Rios** - October 24, 2024 at 10:06 PM

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“ *The Stich family were more like family to me than next-door neighbors. My family moved to the neighborhood in 1965 when I was 2. One of the greatest gifts of my life was when their daughter Tonia was born in 1967 and we have been friends for life! So many of my memories growing up include The Stich family. George watching his beloved Sunday afternoon football games and Diane working on her immaculate yard. She always had a smile and took time to talk to the neighbors. Diane was true Christian lady and devout Catholic. I enjoyed attending church with them from time to time. She is a true Proverbs 31 woman and my life was touched by hers. She will live on in my memories until eternity. To the family, I pray for the Holy Spirit to comfort you in the days and weeks ahead.*

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**Terrie Leonard** - October 24, 2024 at 10:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of George & Mary Diane Stich.*



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October 23, 2024 at 06:54 PM

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“ *The Stone Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of George & Mary Diane Stich.*



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**The Stone Family** - October 16, 2024 at 06:24 PM