



Geraldine N. (Keller) Tarver

November 8, 1927 - October 7, 2020

Geraldine (Keller) Tarver passed away on October 7, 2020 in Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas. She was born on November 8, 1927 in San Antonio, Texas to Adolph Keller and Inez Crain. Mrs. Tarver was preceded in death by her beloved husband, John D. Tarver; and her daughter, Joan Diane Tarver. She is survived by her daughters, Theresa Nichols, Kathy Phillips and Cecilia Creighton (Tom); sons, Darrel Tarver and Pat Tarver (Laura); 14 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; 6 great-great grandchildren and 5 siblings.

Geraldine lived in San Antonio all of her life. She was born to a German/Irish family with 12 siblings and lost her own mother at the age of 15. Graduating from Brackenridge High School she chose a career as a waitress in the food industry. Blessed with beauty she could have been a movie star.

Geraldine was a devoted mother to her family. She loved children and was "Grandma" to everyone. She was always visiting someone in a hospital (even when we tried to hide it), providing a home for those in need and loved family gatherings. She enjoyed reading, traveling (her favorites were Lake Tahoe and Washington D.C.) and in her later years became a master of 1000 piece jigsaw puzzles.

Mentally sharp until the very end she completed her 2020 ballot 2 days before

her passing. In her late years her declining health meant she could not live alone. Her youngest daughter Kathy Phillips welcomed her into her home and cared for her over the last years. In the last days her health further worsened and constant care was required. Her daughter Teresa, Grandson Jeremy and wife Carrie provide constant loving care until her end. Their selfless love and humanity comforted her until the end.

A special thanks to the wonderful people at Good Shepherd who attended to our mother in the end. They are angels and never made any of us feel like they were just doing their job. Their sensitive and tender care will never be forgotten.

SERVICES

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 from 6:00pm-9:00pm at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. Funeral Services will be on Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 9:00am at the funeral home chapel, with interment to follow at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery.

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

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Geraldine N. (Keller) Tarver*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - October 15, 2020 at 09:45 AM

LB

Thank you so very much for sharing this video. it's wonderful for so many of us that could not attend her funeral are able to be there in this way. I hope it is available for awhile. Had it not been for Covid I would have visited her before she passed. Jerry was a big part of my life for over 20 years and for my daughters, Tiffany and Ashley for their entire lives. I am so happy that the last time I saw her was so wonderful and warm. I have that to hold on to and am grateful for it. Rest in peace, Jerry. You have certainly earned it in this life. Much love to you all always.

Lenore Tarver Bradford

Lenore Tarver Bradford - October 15, 2020 at 05:48 PM

CT

“ *Carrie Tarver lit a candle in memory of Geraldine N. (Keller) Tarver*



Carrie Tarver - December 29, 2024 at 01:41 PM

CT

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Carrie Tarver - October 09, 2022 at 04:23 PM

LB

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Lenore Tarver Bradford - October 15, 2020 at 05:50 PM

AC

“ *My childhood is full of amazing memories with my Grandma. Every Sunday she would cook up a feast and feed our huge family. We could bring anyone over and she didn't mind at all. She was "grandma" to so many and if any one ever needed help, she was there. Christmas Eve and Thanksgiving were two of my favorite times spent at Grandma's house surrounded by my family. I love you Grandma and you will be so very missed*💕

Ashley Cayce - October 15, 2020 at 01:09 AM

JS

“ I was introduced to grandma Tarver about 17 years ago. She always had good food and was the sweetest to be around. You could feel the love she had for anyone that came into her house. I am grateful to have known her and am glad that she is rejoicing in Heaven.

Jennifer Sandera - October 14, 2020 at 12:24 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Geraldine N. (Keller) Tarver.



October 14, 2020 at 11:31 AM

TF

“ When I was pregnant with my first child, (my grandma's great-grandchild) I craved vegetables. When she realized this, every Sunday she would make extra veggie dishes knowing that I would clean my plate. This is just a small example of how she would notice something and do what she could to make someone happy. I am blessed beyond measure to have had her in my life all these years. She was a pillar of our family and saying she will be missed is not enough.

Tami Faour - October 14, 2020 at 06:28 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Geraldine N. (Keller) Tarver.*



October 13, 2020 at 12:13 PM



“ *Love you aunt Geri*

Arron and Max

Amber Goodman - October 13, 2020 at 09:26 AM



“ *Aunt Gering you will be greatly missed. We love you so much. She was there for everyone all the time. Always at hospitals checking in on her loved ones.*

Love

Ray, Sherri (youngest sister) Eddie, Amber, and Jossi

Amber Goodman - October 13, 2020 at 07:58 AM



“ *Grandma and her sons, doing what she really enjoyed.*



Tiffany Hunt - October 12, 2020 at 12:20 PM

DT

“ *Darrell and Tiffany purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Geraldine N. (Keller) Tarver.*



Darrell and Tiffany - October 12, 2020 at 12:06 PM

DS

“ Grandma has always been such a solid presence in my life. I remember growing up going to Grandma's every Sunday. Many family members would be there, coming and going. She was always in the kitchen, working, showing love through warming others with her food. Warming others by listening, laughing, telling it like it is. A few of my friends would marvel after visiting on a Sunday at her food and the feeling of being welcomed. They would talk about her fried chicken the most. Everyone was always welcome at Grandma's. She helped anyone how ever she could. Always present at the hospital to visit a sick family member, or after a birth, or a surgery. Always visiting people in jail or sending money, even to people she never met. Amazing for a woman that never learned to drive. All of my children have a baby blanket that she made for them. She was so thoughtful. She showed me how to be accepting of others, anyone is welcome in my home and I am thankful she demonstrated that warmth and generosity.

One of our last visits with her was only a couple days before she passed and I am so grateful to have been there to share in her joy at having reconnected with a lifelong friend. Grandma grew up near Roosevelt Park in San Antonio right next to the San Antonio river. Her best friend was a neighbor girl Vi. They were friends for almost 90 years. They stayed in touch through letters and phone calls over the years. They were maid of honor in each other's weddings. They fished together at the river and shared in each other's first births. Grandma thought Vi had passed away 2 years ago but surprisingly received a letter with a phone number of Vi's son. She was still alive! Grandma got to talk to her lifelong best friend one more time. What joy and blessing! Not many people know what it means to be a true friend now-adays. It warms my heart to know she felt that happiness.

Thank you Grandma for always being there, the world is a little less bright without you.

Sending love, prayers, peace and gratitude.

Donnadee Swedberg

Donnadee Swedberg - October 11, 2020 at 10:20 PM

TG

Donna that is very, very well said. You can really tell that you took your time and put your heart into your memories of grandma.

Terry Glass - October 14, 2020 at 06:14 AM

MC

*“ Love you Grandma, I know you’re in a better place but you’re already missed! Sunday lunches will never be the same. I hope we made you proud and that you’re resting peacefully. Love you!
Matt*

Matt Creighton - October 10, 2020 at 07:35 PM

TH

“ Grandma ~ There are so many cherished memories that I have of you. From our family Christmas Eve celebrations growing up, Thanksgiving dinners, Sunday lunches, and everything in between. You were the glue of our family, and your absence will be profoundly felt by all of those that knew and loved you. Grandma truly did welcome anyone into her home, and loved beyond measure.

During some of my more difficult times she told me to stay strong, never give up ,and keep going. I valued this advice, and believe it came from her own experiences, as she was such a strong woman. She was the sharpest 92 (almost 93) year old you would ever meet,and I believe this mindset played a large part in that.

Rest In Peace grandma. Until we meet again, I love you!

This sombrero picture is one of my favorites of her, and was taken at her last birthday celebration. And the family picture includes just some of our large family ❤️



Tiffany Hunt - October 10, 2020 at 06:41 PM

RM

“ Aunt Gerry I wish that everyone could have someone like you in their lives. You made such a huge impact in my life. The love you showed me was a true and pure one, picking me up on the via, making the most amazing breakfast anyone could imagine. The summers I spent with you are forever in my memories and my heart. I said this a few years ago but the world needs more Geraldine Travers. I can never thank you enough for the Aunt you were to me growing up. Love you Aunt Gerry.

Robert Mitchell - October 09, 2020 at 03:57 PM

CT

“ ❤️ Geraldine Tarver: Mother-Grandmother-Friend ❤️
This woman has always been pure gold to all those that have ever had the privilege of her presence. The most selfless, loving, caring, thoughtful, considerate person to everyone regardless of status or path. Her knack was always known to nurture, heal and be there for you when no one else would be. She leaves a legacy that will live on in all those that hold her dear. Her hard work and generosity always fruitful. If you knew her, you knew she loved you dearly without fault. I'm honored to be a Tarver, she set the bar high. She's home now preparing as usual for our forthcoming. She's now alive in Christ and will continue to live and be by our sides until we see each other again. I love Grandma 🧡🌟👶👤💎



Carrie Tarver - October 09, 2020 at 02:51 PM



Carrie, you were the light that brightened her final days and I will always be grateful for your love and kindness.
Cecilia

cecilia creighton - October 10, 2020 at 07:46 PM