



## Gloria Jean Kirby

September 3, 1938 - May 7, 2026

Gloria J. Kirby, a loving wife and mother, was called home to be with the Lord on Thursday, May 7, 2026, at the age of 87. She was born September 3, 1938, to the late Hunter Kirklin, Sr. and Hattie Brocks Kirklin in Shreveport, LA.

She accepted Christ at an early age and worked in various areas of the church throughout her life. These included being a Sunday school teacher, nursery worker, and prayer team member. She was a woman of deep faith which was evident to anyone who crossed her path. She had a quiet strength about her and was a beacon of love, kindness and generosity to her family and friends.

Gloria was united in marriage to Riley Kirby, Jr. on December 31, 1963, and to this union two children were born. During the early years of her marriage, she traveled the world as a military spouse and made many lifelong friendships.

She was a graduate of Grambling University and had a long career as a middle school reading teacher. She was well-liked by both students and faculty. She was often approached by former students who shared with her the positive impact she had on their lives. She enjoyed reading, gardening, and playing card games.

Gloria led a life filled with love, grace, and dignity. She was the heart of her

family and will be deeply missed but will live in our hearts forever. Heaven has gained a treasured soul.

She leaves behind a legacy of love, and her memory lives on through her son Ronn Kirby (Patricia) daughter Stella Kirby, four grandchildren Cristopher Correa, Sofia Correa, Nicholas Kirby, Alexander Kirby and a god daughter Loretta Wade and a host of nieces, nephews and extended family and friends. She is preceded in death by her loving husband, parents and three brothers Wilford Kirklin (Theresa), Wilbert Kirklin (Mary) and Hunter Kirklin, Jr.

# Cemetery Details

## Mission Park Retama

15940 Lookout Road  
San Antonio, TX 78245

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

MAY 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

Agape Christian Church  
14303 Judson Rd  
San Antonio, TX 78233-4427  
(210) 599-2244

*Visitation to begin at 10am*

## Graveside Service

MAY 21. 12:30 PM (CT)

Mission Park Retama  
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# Tribute Wall

PG

“ *Ronn and Stella*

*Our Prayers are with you. Gloria Jean was our oldest cousin. She was a lot of fun to be around. I have fond memories of her visits to Elizabeth.*

*Much Love,*

*Patsy Glynn*

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**Patsy Glynn** - May 20 at 01:51 PM

LO

“ *Rest well, Nanny. The faith you carried and the kindness you lived out continue to guide us.*

*Your love was never loud, it was steady, faithful, and deeply felt.*

*You touched lives simply by being who you were. May you rest in the peace you so richly deserve.*

*Your legacy remains a quiet, enduring strength in all of us.*

*Your God Daughter,  
Loretta Glynn-Wade*

*Stella, thank you for the gentle, faithful care you gave to Nanny.*

*Your kindness will always be remembered.*

*Love,  
Loretta*

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**Loretta** - May 20 at 08:33 AM

SP

“ *Ronn and Stella, we are praying God's strength, comfort and peace for you at this time. God is our refuge and strength. He is a very present help.*

*The love of both your Mom and Dad is a memory etched forever in your heart.*

*Much love,  
San Glynn Popillion*

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**San Popillion** - May 19 at 01:28 PM

PB

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Paula Kirklin Brown** - May 18 at 04:44 PM

JP

*Dear sweet Sis Kirby, you were always a quiet, soft spoken beautiful lady of God! Thanking God for our times together and for your ever loving beautiful daughter who was always ever present! Praising God for the life you lived and shared with us! 🙏🏻🙏🏻🙏🏻*

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**Judy Pennick** - May 20 at 10:39 AM

WF

“ *Wilford (Bo) & Theresa Kirklin & Family purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Gloria Jean Kirby.*



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**Wilford (Bo) & Theresa Kirklin & Family** - May 18 at 01:16 PM

PB

“ *To my cousins Ronn and Stella, I'm sending love and hugs to you. We used to be so excited when you guys came from Texas to visit. We couldn't even sleep from waiting for you guys to show up in the wee morning hours. We love our Aunt Jean and Uncle Riley with our whole hearts. Both of them had such sweet kind spirits and were cherished by all. I know she was received with open arms. I feel like everyone has been waiting on her. Stella, you did an amazing job of caring for your mom and I know God is well pleased with you. I'm holding you cousins close in my thoughts and prayers and asking God to comfort you in the days to come.*

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**Paula Kirklin Brown** - May 18 at 01:06 PM

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**Loretta** - May 18 at 07:22 PM

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**Loretta** - May 18 at 07:23 PM

ES

*Gloria's parents were my godparents. I spent a lot of time in their home as did she in ours. She was like a big sister helping our parents with us.*

*We were so proud of all of her accomplishments being the first of our cousins to attend and graduate college.*

*A woman who loved the Lord, her family and community.*

*"Life's race well run,  
Life's work well done,  
Life's crown well won,  
Now cometh rest."*

*Ronn and Stella our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Stella, "thank you" for the love, support and care you so graciously gave to your Mom.*

*Love  
Edna Glynn Sherman*

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**Edna Sherman** - May 19 at 12:40 PM

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“ To my beloved Stella,

*Your mother's life was a quiet light—gentle, steady, and warm. In her kind and tender spirit, she could fill a room with joy and make every heart feel seen. She was a woman of few words, but her presence alone wrapped people in comfort and belonging. Her sweet smile and servant's heart remind me that true grace is often soft-spoken.*

*She wasn't loud about her faith, but anyone who knew her could clearly see she walked closely with Christ. In doing so, she left a trail of God's beauty—of unconditional love, perfect peace, and grace—in the everyday lives of those who knew and loved her.*

*As you grieve, my friend, may you feel the nearness of the same Savior she trusted, and may her legacy of gentleness, kindness, and steadfast faith live on in you. Her light has not gone out—it shines now through the lives she touched, and especially through yours. May the God of all comfort hold you close and grant you peace.*

*With all my love, prayers, and deepest sympathy,*

*Lottie Meuchelboeck*

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**Lottie** - May 18 at 10:46 AM



“ *In Heaven's Arms Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gloria Jean Kirby.*



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May 17 at 03:55 PM

LJ

“ Mrs. Kirby was one finest ladys I'd ever known. A good person, supportive wife and mother, a great educator, and wonderful neighbor. Mrs. Kirby also taught me reading at Wood Middle School, from that time in her classroom ,I learned my appreciation of being able to read and interpret the information, which greatly helped in my other studies, and in my time in the military, and my railroad career. My parents also appreciated having the Kirbys as neighbors . Also in closing, her daughter Stella did a stand up job taking care of her mother as Mrs. Kirby got older.

Luis D Esparza Jr. - May 15 at 10:41 PM

LP

“ I met Mrs Kirby when I was in the 6th grade at Garner middle school. She was substituting for our reading/ Language arts teacher. I remember thinking i wish she was our regular teacher. Then in 1977 we became neighbors. I recognized her immediately when I saw her come out of her house. We were blessed to have her and her family next door. I will miss you Mrs Kirby.

Luisa Pitre - May 15 at 05:52 PM

RK

“ Ronn and Patricia Kirby purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Gloria Jean Kirby.



Ronn and Patricia Kirby - May 15 at 05:00 PM

YS

“ *Your Grandkids Sofia, Cris, Nick, Alex purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Gloria Jean Kirby.*



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**Your Grandkids Sofia, Cris, Nick, Alex** - May 15 at 03:45 PM

SK

“ *I miss you so much mom, but I know that you're at peace now. Thanks for all the love and guidance through the years. I hope that you're walking around heaven with a smile!*



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**Stella Kirby** - May 15 at 01:24 PM

SF

“ *Mrs. Kirby is a fun loving, woman of God. I see how she was one of the greatest teachers of all time. Mrs. Kirby was out of the classroom when I met her, and she was still teaching me things I was not sure of and she enlightened me. I loved her because of the joyful, kind and humorous spirit that she displayed. Wonderful woman I will miss her.*

*Sherryl Franklin*

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**Sherryl Franklin** - May 15 at 12:24 PM

RK

“ Our hearts were saddened to hear of the passing of Auntie. Though we were unable to attend the services, our hearts and prayers are with you all.

*She will always be remembered with love and the memories will continue to live on in our hearts. Praying God's comfort, strength and peace over the family.*

*Love,  
Rudell (Pop)*

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**Rudell Kirklin** - May 15 at 12:16 PM

JK

“ Can't say enough about my aunt Glo.....even though the distance was between us(SA TX to Louisiana) she brought fun, laughter & love!!! Man gonna miss them days but life goes on & she lived a loving fruitful life!!!! 🌹🕊️

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**James Kirklin** - May 15 at 12:07 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gloria Jean Kirby.



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May 13 at 07:13 PM