



Gretchen White

February 26, 1938 - October 5, 2024

Gretchen White of San Antonio, Texas, Age 86, passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 5, 2024. She was born on February 26, 1938, in Winona, Minnesota to Gerald B. Voelker and Margaret (Howley) Voelker.

When she was a small child, her family relocated to San Antonio due to her father being in the military. Gretchen married her loving husband, John Henry White and they remained married for 62 years until John's death in 2021. She was an incredible mother to her six children and adored her numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. Many special memories are held dear by her family, including her passion for playing scrabble, cards, and trivia games. Family trips to the beach are a special memory we will always cherish. She is best known for her tender heart and willingness to help others.

Gretchen and her late husband John were long time parishioners of St. Matthew's Catholic Church. She was a graduate of Incarnate Word High School and attended Our Lady of the Lake College where she studied speech therapy. For most of her life she operated a health, wellness, and nutritional supplement business and did so well into her 86th year of life. One thing everyone will remember about Gretchen was her ability to always sneak in a

discussion about nutritional supplements, regardless of the occasion.

Gretchen was preceded in death by her husband, John Henry White; parents, Major Gerald B. Voelker and Margaret (Howley) Voelker; granddaughter Brandy Candland, and great grandson Elliot Paredes. She is survived by her brother, Reverend Peter Voelker, and sister, Gail Rouen; children, Connie Flores and her husband Edward, Amy Armstrong and her husband Kevin, Carolyn Saunders and her husband Maurice III, John G. White and his wife Lori, Kenneth G. White, and Peggy Ayala and her husband Kenny; grandchildren, Christopher Flores and his wife Gina, Matthew Flores and his wife Mary, Nicole Gutierrez and her husband Daniel, Kaycee and Karlene Armstrong, Jessica Kidd and her husband Scotty, Maurice IV and his wife Sydney, Michael Ray Saunders, Kristen and Ashley White, Rachel and Nathan Ayala; great grandchildren, Ada Flores, Maddie, Mia, Mason, and Maisie Flores, Luke and Isaac Gutierrez, Preston and Kinsleigh Kidd, and Abigail and Cash Candland.

SERVICES

The Rosary will begin at 9:30 A.M. followed by the Funeral Mass at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, 10703 Wurzbach Road. Interment will follow at 2:30 P.M. at Shelter 3 at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, 1520 Harry Wurzbach Road. Please refer to the map for directions in the National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Gretchen's memory may be made to a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Rosary

OCT **16**. 9:30 AM (CT)

St. Matthew's Catholic Church
10703 Wurzbach Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78230

Funeral Mass

OCT **16**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Matthew's Catholic Church
10703 Wurzbach Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78230

Graveside Service

OCT **16**. 2:30 PM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Please use the attached map for directions inside the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

Tribute Wall

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“ My heart is broken at the loss of gracious and beautiful Gretchen who was a beautiful shining light with the love of Jesus radiating in her that reflected on all who knew her. I was so blessed to have known her sooo many years as a friend and aa a part of her Shaklee business. She had a "heart of gold" always willing to help with her strong wisdom and knowledge for everyone's wellness and health. She so genuinely loved John and all of her family who were the joy of her life. I will always cherish her and she will never be forgotten in our hearts and our lives, and knowing she is with our Lord now and her beloved John and reunited with family and friends in Heaven gives peace as she will no longer suffer. May her amazing legacy of touching every life with kindness and love carry on through each of you as we say goodbye to an Angel we were graced and blessed to have known. Will miss you beautiful Gretchen.

In Sympathy,

Cindy Baker

Cindy Baker - October 22, 2024 at 04:23 PM

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“ The Travis Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gretchen White.



The Travis Family - October 15, 2024 at 05:09 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gretchen White.*



October 14, 2024 at 04:48 PM



“ *Anabel, Tina and Robert purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Gretchen White.*



Anabel, Tina and Robert - October 14, 2024 at 12:07 PM



“ *Connie I'm so sorry for your loss. Your mom was a beautiful and loving person. Please know that you will always have a special angel by your side and in your heart. 🧡❤️🙏🙏. Loving prayers for you and your family Donna (Meyer) Braden*

Donna Braden - October 13, 2024 at 02:33 PM



“ *Keith and Charles purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gretchen White.*



Keith and Charles - October 11, 2024 at 03:13 PM

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“ Gail, Tom and Amy Rouen purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gretchen White.



Gail, Tom and Amy Rouen - October 08, 2024 at 01:32 PM

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“ My prayers for Gretchen and all of her family and all the Voelkers who were dear to my mom, Pauline Ruhnke. Peace and Love, Rob Ruhnke, CSSR

Robert Allan Ruhnke - October 08, 2024 at 12:29 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gretchen White.



October 07, 2024 at 07:28 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - October 07, 2024 at 05:01 PM