



Gwenda Lee Blankenship

September 4, 1939 - August 6, 2021

On Friday, August 6, 2021, Gwenda Lee Blankenship, a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother was called home by God, she was 81. She will not be alone in heaven as she was preceded in death by her husband, Robert, her parents, Anne and Edward, her grandson, Eric. And someday there will be a big reunion in heaven.

Lee, as she was affectionately known by, was born on September 4, 1939 in Rochester, NY to Anne and Edward Sizer. On March 17, 1962 her life changed forever when she married the love of her life Robert "Bob" Blankenship; they enjoyed 54 years together. She is survived by her 2 children, Denise Blankenship Anderson and Robert "Robbie" Blankenship, 7 grandchildren, Robert "Rob" Blankenship, Daniel Blankenship, Christine Blankenship, Russell Blankenship, Emily "Emmy" Blankenship, Charles "Charlie" Anderson, and Richard "Ricky" Anderson, and 2 great grandchildren, Easton Blankenship and Adeline Blankenship; and her sister, Sheryl Lawn. She was a very caring, loving and compassionate person who was loved by all who met her. When introduced to her she would smile and say "HI, I'M GRANDMA," which was the way she welcomed all into the family. If you were lucky enough she would knit you something, whether it be a scarf, hat, or blanket. She would make blankets for special occasions like the birth of a baby, graduation, or sometimes just because she loved you. Because she was so caring and compassionate, she was good at her work. Taking care of people was in her veins. When asked, she would proudly respond "I have

been in medical for 50 years," her true career path.

Her passion was sports, as she would watch all sports and several events at one time, flipping channels from game to game. For over 54 years she and Bob kept the spirit of the rivalry of her UCLA Bruins and Bob's USC Trojans alive but nothing would beat watching her favorite team the Oregon Ducks. When their football team played TCU here, in San Antonio, we couldn't get her to the game fast enough. Then she didn't want to leave; you could see the joy in her face as she watched the game, it was priceless. We will always remember that special moment.

She took great pride in looking her best. She loved taking her granddaughter's with her for a day of self care, getting their hair and nails done. She would tell stories about going with her friends back in high school, getting together and bleaching each other's hair and all the things her and her friends would do. Truly a rebel, in her youth she would go play sports with the boys, which was not as acceptable as it is today. She was not afraid to let you know when something was not right. When we went out as a family if something was not right she would speak up and we all knew we couldn't stop her when she would say "Let me speak to your manager." So we know she's up in heaven keeping everyone and everything in order, most likely asking for the manager if something isn't to her liking.

Lee will always be with you in your memories but she will be missed by all her family and friends who loved her in their own special way.

As Lee was a breast cancer survivor, the family asks that in lieu of flowers you make a donation in her name to the cancer society of your choice.

The service is being held at 12 PM at Mission Burial Park Dominion, 20900 IH 10W on Sunday, August 15th, 2021. *Masks will be required for the safety of everyone coming to pay their respects.*

For those who can't attend in person there will be a Zoom call starting at 12 PM that will last about 40 minutes. You can join via the app or website.

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/82128442262?pwd=Rlc1UzF4dHpNNEQ1ME5BOGpNODVDdz09>

Meeting ID: 821 2844 2262 & Passcode: KR7Peb

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park North

20900 I.H. 10
West San Antonio, TX 78230

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG 15. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I will never forget grandma being there to talk to. She was always there to run my ideas pass and give her two cents of why it would or wouldn't work. Even as an adult grandma always knew I was different but understood who I am and why I did what I did. She always told me everyone is different and has things they need to do to make throughout this life. She had that ability to see that in everyone. She will be missed deeply and will always have a place in my heart. Even though I can't make it to SA please know I am hurting for the family. Love you all.

Bratton - August 15, 2021 at 01:17 PM

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“ Lee is a beautiful soul. Growing up with Rob and later in life, Lee was always a stable and caring heart. She will be missed. Matt, Meredith, Candace and Matthew Mora

Matthew Mora - August 15, 2021 at 01:07 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gwenda Lee Blankenship.



August 13, 2021 at 02:48 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Gwenda Lee Blankenship.*



August 13, 2021 at 01:08 PM



“ *Mission Park North lit a candle in memory of Gwenda Lee Blankenship*



Mission Park North - August 12, 2021 at 04:49 PM