



## Gwendolyn "Gwen" Ann Pendergraff

June 26, 1941 - May 10, 2026

We are saying goodbye to a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, and sister. Gwen Pendergraff, 84, of San Antonio, TX, passed away peacefully at her home on May 10, 2026.

She was born in New Orleans, LA on June 26, 1941, to her parents Ceyrelia Marie Hall and Theodore (Teddy) Heitzmann. She graduated from St. Joseph's Academy in 1959 and married the love of her life, Wilbon "Wayne" Pendergraff in Nov 21st, 1959. Wife of a military man, she traveled to Mississippi, Alaska, Florida, and found a home in Texas in 1969. She raised four children: Brian Pendergraff, Hope Pendergraff Monaco, Gay Pendergraff Lavoie, and Blaine Pendergraff.

While attending college, she fostered a love for teaching, beginning as a favorite substitute teacher to many. She graduated from UTSA in 1989, Summa Cum Laude, and started her remarkable teaching career at Northside ISD in August 1989 through 2006.

She loved to play Scrabble, Words With Friends, outsmart the contestants on her favorite shows-- Jeopardy! & Wheel of Fortune, read romance and mystery novels, and spend time with their lifelong friends, the Don Crook family.

Gwen is survived by her dedicated husband, Wayne, of 67 years, 4 children, 13 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren, to whom she was lovingly known as "Nana." She is survived by one sister, Colleen Kneip Brady, and one brother, Wayne Heitzmann, and preceded in death by her parents and her

stepfather, Shelby Toxie Hall.

Gwen was a devout Christian, sprinkling her love of the Lord in every interaction with her students, her family, and anyone she met. She lived an accomplished life. She prided herself in making the best desserts, and her cooking will be missed. She had a green thumb, and kept endless plants throughout her tidy home, amidst her massive cow collection. Nana will be reunited with her sweet companion dog, Sugar, in Heaven.

The family hopes her loved ones can join them in celebrating her life for the following events:

Tues, May 19th at 4pm-6pm, the visitation, followed by the vigil and rosary at 6pm, at The Mission Park Funeral Chapel in San Antonio, 20900 IH10 W.

Wed, May 20th at 10:30 am Funeral Mass at St. Brigid's Catholic Church. The address is 6907 Kitchner Rd, San Antonio, 78240. The procession will follow to Mission Burial Park North, where Gwen will be laid to rest.

# Cemetery Details

## Mission Burial Park North

20900 IH 10 West  
San Antonio, TX 78257

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 19. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels and Cemetery Dominion  
20900 IH 10 W  
San Antonio, TX 78257  
(210) 698-5252  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Rosary and Vigil Service

MAY 19. 6:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels and Cemetery Dominion  
20900 IH 10 W  
San Antonio, TX 78257  
(210) 698-5252  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Funeral Mass

MAY **20**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Brigid Catholic Church  
6907 Kitchener  
San Antonio, TX 78240

# Tribute Wall

YF

“ *Your Tennessee Pendergraff family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Gwendolyn "Gwen" Ann Pendergraff.*



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**Your Tennessee Pendergraff family** - May 20 at 12:40 PM

SB

“ *I never had the privilege of meeting this beautiful lady but I know in my heart she was a lovely person. So sorry she had to leave this earth but I know she is in a heavenly place now. My love goes out to the whole family for your loss. I know she will be terribly missed*

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**Sandra Bass** - May 19 at 09:07 PM

CA

“ *Courtney and Amelia purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gwendolyn "Gwen" Ann Pendergraff.*



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**Courtney and Amelia** - May 18 at 09:26 PM

LF

“ *Love, The Perdue Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gwendolyn "Gwen" Ann Pendergraff.*



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**Love, The Perdue Family** - May 18 at 01:47 PM

RW

“ Renee Watkins Wagoner purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gwendolyn "Gwen" Ann Pendergraff.



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**Renee Watkins Wagoner** - May 18 at 10:23 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn "Gwen" Ann Pendergraff.



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May 18 at 12:20 AM

AS

“ Annie Stoyer purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gwendolyn "Gwen" Ann Pendergraff.



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**Annie Stoyer** - May 17 at 09:40 PM

BC

“ May God be with Gwen & the entire Family. I have such great memories from our younger days growing up together in Valley Hi & all the Holiday gatherings. They are great memories indeed. Although time & distance have made the memories age.... I hold the Pendergrafts always in hi regards. Thank You Gwen for being such a pillar of these memories & best friend to my own Mother. I am truley sad to see she is gone but know she is playing cards in Heaven with my Mom & Dad till we meet again. Thank You for all you did for my family thru the years & im praying for each of you. I hope to see each of you soon in the near future to honor her life. GOD BLESS 🙏 & may God give each of you strength during this time.

*Brent Crook*

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**Brent Crook** - May 17 at 11:58 AM



*Beautiful words and friendship we've had throughout the years! We love you Brent!*

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**Hope Monaco** - May 18 at 11:44 AM

JW

*Hope and Gwen; your mother will be remembered as an elegant woman with so much love and class. I did not know her well, but the times I met her, she was so lovely to talk to. My heart aches for the families loss, but she was a believer in Christ which gives her eternal life in heaven. Prayers and Hugs. We shall all be re united one day. Love, Joanie W.*

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**Joanie Wesch** - May 19 at 07:31 PM

MA

“ *Blaine and family, so sorry for the loss of your mother. Your Great Grandmother Mabel was my Great Aunt and sister to my Grandmother Catherine. Growing up my family would travel from Florida to Mississippi and Louisiana to visit your Mother's family and our other relatives in the area. Your mother was a very sweet lady. Prayers for comfort and peace for your family.*

**Margie Johnson Armstrong** - May 16 at 02:24 PM



“ *Our condolences to you and your family during this time of bereavement. We pray that during this time your mind and body will overcome the intense stress that may occur. Keep looking up. The Lord Jesus is there to provide.*  
*Wayne and Carole*

**Holly Wicktom** - May 15 at 06:34 PM



*Thank you Holly, Wayne and Carole. Mom will be missed greatly.*

**Hope Monaco** - May 18 at 11:47 AM

KR

“ *Kelly Ricks purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Gwendolyn "Gwen" Ann Pendergraft.*



**Kelly Ricks** - May 15 at 11:52 AM

KR

“ Kelly Ricks planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gwendolyn "Gwen" Ann Pendergraff.

Kelly Ricks - May 15 at 11:52 AM



“ Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn "Gwen" Ann Pendergraff.



May 13 at 05:20 AM

JR

“ I started off at Thornton as a sub and recall subbing for Gwen several times before becoming a teacher. I learned a lot from her. I remember a mistake I once made addressing her class and she lovingly corrected me, helping me become a better educator. Her teaching style and loving demeanor reminded me so much of my mother. RIP Gwen!

Joseph J Raymond - May 13 at 12:07 AM

RS

“ Rick & Dolores Saenz purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Gwendolyn "Gwen" Ann Pendergraff.



Rick & Dolores Saenz - May 12 at 09:03 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn "Gwen" Ann Pendergraff.*



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May 12 at 11:50 AM