



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

Upcoming 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



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



24 minutes ago



“ 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 - 5 hours ago



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



Rick & Dolores Saenz - Yesterday at 09:03 PM



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



Yesterday at 11:50 AM