



Iris Jane Gilkey

December 29, 1959 - October 21, 2022

IRIS JANE GILKEY WAS BORN TO THE LATE LUTHER AND LOIS (WARREN) DILLARD, A RETIRED M/SGT. IN THE AIR FORCE AND A HOMEMAKER, ON DECEMBER 29, 1959 IN CLINTON COUNTY, PLATTSBURG A.F.B., NEAR CHAMPLAIN, NY. SHE ATTENDED SCHOOLS IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. SHE WORKED IN THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY FOR OVER 20YRS.

IRIS WAS THE YOUNGEST GIRL IN A LARGE FAMILY. SHE MARRIED AT AN EARLY AGE TO ROBERT MICHAEL (MIKE) GILKEY ON JANUARY 10, 1975. THEY RAISED THEIR ONLY DAUGHTER PAMELA MAE GILKEY IN LA VERNIA, TEXAS. MIKE AND IRIS WELCOMED THE LIGHT OF THEIR LIVES WHEN THEY BECAME GRANDPARENTS TO GRANDDAUGHTER, LA NORA VIOLET GONZALEZ ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2014.

IRIS IS KNOWN FOR HER LOVE OF MUSIC WITH FAVORITES BEINGS ELTON JOHN, GARTH BROOKS, KENNY ROGERS, REBA MCINTYRE, AND MANY MORE. SHE IS NOTED FOR HER THOUGHTFUL GIFTS TO ALL THOSE IN HER LIFE AND THOSE IN NEED. SHE HAD A PASSION FOR AND CALLING TO HELP OTHERS TO INCLUDE ANY AND ALL "FURR"RIENDS. SHE NEVER LOST SIGHT OF HER GOD AND GREW STRONGER AS AN EXAMPLE OF HIS IMAGE THROUGH HER CARE OF HER MOTHER, LOIS IN RECENT YEARS. SHE WAS A SPITFIRE AND A TOUGH-CARING-LOVING FAMILY MEMBER, CAREGIVR, FRIEND, WIFE AND MOTHER.

IRIS WILL BE DEARLY MISSED BY ALL WHO LOVED HER DEEPLY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, MIKE, HER DAUGHTER PAMI, HER GRANDDAUGHTER LA NORA, SISTERS, MARILU DITTLER, DIANE DICKENS, AND ONE BROTHER PERRY DILLARD. SHE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY BROTHERS, AVERY DILLARD, AND MARK DILLARD, SISTERS, LAURA DILLARD AND BEVERLY DILLARD AS WELL AS HER PARENTS. IRIS WAS A DESCENDENT OF ORIGINAL SETTLERS TO AMERICA, ON THE MATERNAL SIDE, THE MAYFLOWER AND PATERNAL SIDE, THE THIRTEEN ORIGINAL COLONIES. HER LEGACY CONTINUES.

Cemetery Details

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 2. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
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San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Funeral Service

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Interment

NOV 2 (CT)

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd
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Tribute Wall

JO

“ *Jacque Odom purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Iris Jane Gilkey.*



Jacque Odom - November 01, 2022 at 10:48 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Iris Jane Gilkey.*



October 30, 2022 at 03:10 PM

BS

“ *Bebe and Jim Still purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Iris Jane Gilkey.*



Bebe and Jim Still - October 30, 2022 at 02:37 PM

BS

“ Thinking of you and sending heartfelt condolences. May loving and treasured memories bring you comfort and peace to your heart during this time of sorrow.

*Bebe Still
Cumming, Georgia*



Bebe Still - October 28, 2022 at 07:27 PM

MD

“ Marilu Dittler sent a virtual gift in memory of Iris Jane Gilkey



Marilu Dittler - October 27, 2022 at 08:46 PM

AS

“ Alton and Linda Sales purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Iris Jane Gilkey.



Alton and Linda Sales - October 27, 2022 at 07:38 PM

SS

“ Suzanne Schott sent a virtual gift in memory of Iris Jane Gilkey



suzanne schott - October 27, 2022 at 06:46 AM

FD

“ From Marilu and Gary Dittler purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Iris Jane Gilkey.



From Marilu and Gary Dittler - October 26, 2022 at 06:27 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Iris Jane Gilkey.



October 26, 2022 at 06:21 PM

BG

“ Billy and Gladys purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Iris Jane Gilkey.



Billy and Gladys - October 26, 2022 at 01:01 PM

PA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



pam - October 25, 2022 at 11:59 PM

MD

“ *Mailu Dittler lit a candle in memory of Iris Jane Gilkey*



Mailu Dittler - October 25, 2022 at 05:13 PM

MD

“ *Iris Jane was my youngest sister, the baby Girl in a large family. She was the chief caregiver for our mother until she passed. She has also been her husband's caregiver as well. She gave her all to care for others. She had a big heart. She adored he daughter and granddaughter. She was full of spunk.*

Mailu Dittler - October 25, 2022 at 12:49 PM