



## Isabel A. Hilscher

August 31, 1925 - November 17, 2020

Isabel (Bell) Jendrzej Hilscher was welcomed into the arms of our Lord on November 17, 2020. She was born in Yorktown, Texas on August 31, 1925, to Agnes and Frank Jendrzej. Bell was a woman of many talents. After losing her mother at a young age, Bell started working as a waitress. Some of her regular customers were in the oil and gas business. They recognized how bright she was and told her if she would go to business school they would hire her to work for them. So, she did and went on to be a highly respected and competent bookkeeper for Coastal States and then Valero for many years. She was also the much loved, very fun, aunt to her numerous nieces and nephews. Most importantly, she was an incredibly loving and devoted wife to the love of her life, Gene. One moment that touched us all was when Gene, during one of his weaker days, asked Bell to scratch his arm. So, she stood by his bedside, oh so gently, scratching his arm – his bedside nurse smiled and said that's how you stay married 72 years. It was the little things that she did every day that meant so much to Gene.

Bell traveled the world with Gene - Polka dancing across the country, bus and road trips to the casinos, and making friends all along the way. Bell was still going to Polka dances and the casinos well into her 90's. The ability to jump in the car for a road trip across the country with Gene is what she missed most. Although Bell's life was not without challenges, she was never heard to complain or to expect anything from anyone. Instead she took on any challenge that came her way. She had a strong faith in God and trusted that

He would help her to meet and overcome all challenges that might come her way.

Bell is preceded in death by her parents, her brother Charles Jendrzey, her sister Pauline Kosub, and her husband of 72 years, Gene. She is survived by her sister, Sophie Jones and numerous nieces, nephews, and grand nieces and nephews. A Mass in celebration of Bell's life will be March 26, 2021 at 10:00 at St. Jerome's Catholic Church. The family requests that all that wish to attend the Mass wear masks to protect all our loved ones. Due to Covid 19 restrictions, a private internment with family will be at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery following the Mass. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in remembrance of Bell to St. Jerome's Catholic Church, Assumption Seminary, the Wounded Warrior's Project or a charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

MAR 26. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Jerome Catholic Church  
7955 Real Road  
San Antonio, TX 78263

## Inurnment

MAR 26 (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ Sometimes in life we have the privilege of meeting persons who make us smile. Persons whom we enjoy seeing again. Persons who seem to always have friends around them. Persons for whom no one ever had a harsh word or criticism. Bell and Gene Hilschir were two such people. You would find them at every big polka dance, centered at a table surrounded by friends, Gene holding forth, earning more than his fair share of attention with humor and good will, with a quiet, decent, and proper Bell at his side. They were a pair, a couple, an item! People went out of their way to greet them. We thought of them in the singular as “Gene-and-Bell,” because they were seemingly inseparable! And so they were for 72 years! So they will remain. In our memories and in the sight of God.  
John (and Marlys) Rivard

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**John Rivard** - March 22, 2021 at 09:57 PM