



Karen S. Balcom

February 15, 1949 - September 27, 2020

Karen S. Balcom went to be with the Lord on September 27th of 2020 at the age of 71. Karen was born on February 15, 1949 to George S. Balcom and Marian Dyer Balcom in San Antonio, Texas.

Karen is preceded in death by her parents, her uncle Albert C. Richards, her aunt Irma Baldwin, her cousin Virginia Hawkins, and friends JoAnn Gadberry, Glen Harmon, Julie Hallmark and Billie Grace Herring . She is survived by her husband James L. Garrison, and her many friends and colleagues.

Karen loved animals, especially cats of which she had many over the years. She rode horses as a young girl earning several awards. She attended the University of Texas at Austin, earning a BA, MBA, and finally a PhD. She worked as a faculty librarian at San Antonio College for 41 years, retiring as a full professor in 2014. She was a member of the American, Texas, and Bexar Library Associations. She loved the opera, especially Renee Fleming. She probably collected every CD Renee has ever recorded. Working at SAC she enjoyed helping students, teaching them the ins and outs of the library and how to go about writing their papers. She will be sorely missed by all her friends and colleagues

A memorial service will be postponed until a later date due to the pandemic. Her remains will be interred on October 15, 2020 at 2:00 pm at Mission Burial Park South. Her family asks that in lieu of flowers donations should be made to the FCM Geriatric Clinic at the following address:

Mr. Steven Reese
Long School of Medicine
7703 Floyd Curl Drive MC: 7835
San Antonio, Texas 78229

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park South

1700 SE Military Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78214
<http://www.missionparks.com>

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT **15**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dear beautiful Karen,*

We will join in celebrating your life and our friendship even though we cannot be at the ceremony today. No one was ever a better friend than you - generous, thoughtful and loyal. Your concern for others (not just those you knew well, but all those across the world who faced disaster or hardship, as well as the little animals) was and will be our inspiration.

He heals the brokenhearted. He wipes away the tears. God is the strength of my heart.

Randy and Mary

RJ Gill - October 15, 2020 at 09:39 AM

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“ *Karen and I have been friends since 1981. It all started with a bacon and egg taco to go on her way to work at SAC. It was a gift of a lifetime to share that friendship and be with her to share her final days with her. In a year of constant turmoil the blessing of Karen sharing her many memories with me will be cherished forever. I shall miss you but you won't be far from thoughts.*

KC Trevino - October 14, 2020 at 08:39 AM