



## Loreen Duecker Eckhardt

September 14, 1928 - May 2, 2021

Loreen Duecker Eckhardt age 92 of San Antonio went to be with the Lord on Sunday, May 2, 2021. She was born on a farm in east Gillespie County, Texas on September 14, 1928 to Alonzo C. Duecker and Thekla O. Gold Duecker. Loreen loved her childhood on the farm and spent much of her free time there with her family and friends for as long as she could do so. She attended Nebgen Country School and St. Mary's Catholic High School in Fredericksburg, Texas. After graduation, she took the State Teacher's Examination to earn her two year Teaching Certificate. She returned to the one room Nebgen Country School where she taught school for two years. By then World War II had ended and a neighbor, Wesley J. Eckhardt, and she fell in love. They married on September 26, 1948 at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg, Texas where she was also baptized and confirmed; with a reception at the farmhouse – BBQ and all.

Together they made their home in San Antonio, Texas becoming members of St. John's Lutheran Church. During their married life of 59 years, a daughter, Bonnie and a son, Steven were born to them. Wesley provided for the family as a home builder. She found her love for the classroom again in the San Antonio Independent School District in 1967 beginning as a Substitute Teacher and furthering as a Reading Specialist, retiring after 20 years. During her teaching tenure she also attended San Antonio College and Our Lady of the Lake University. Loreen served on Church Boards and was an active

member of the Women of the Church, where she established long lasting friendships. Loreen was a devoted Wife, Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother. She delighted in being with her family and her friends above all else. She leaves behind a legacy of compassion, pride and great love for her family. She also enjoyed gardening and crafts of all kinds.

Loreen was preceded in death by her husband, Wesley of 59 years on October 5, 2007 as well as her parents; her sister, LaVerne Ottmers; her in laws, Hugo and Marie Eckhardt, Opal and Alton Haufler, Harvey and Martina Eckhardt, Melvin Eckhardt, Elgin and Estella Eckhardt, Hubert Eckhardt and Alton Eckhardt. She is survived by her children, Bonnie Eckhardt and Steven Eckhardt and his wife, Karen; her grandchildren, Stacey Kucera, Kyle Eckhardt, Kaela Wehmeyer and her husband, Waylon and Jayme Creighton and her husband, Matt; her great grandchildren, Case and Cash Kucera, Bode and Kali Wehmeyer and Aubrey and Wesley Creighton; numerous nieces and nephews. Loreen's family wishes to thank the Villa de San Antonio Assisted Living Staff for their exceptional care. She very much enjoyed the friendships she had during her 6 years there.

Visitation will be from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, 3401 Cherry Ridge Drive. The Service will begin at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, May 7, 2021 at St. John's Lutheran Church, 502 Nueva Street. Interment will follow at Mission Burial Park North. Serving as her pallbearers will be Kyle Eckhardt, Traé Ottmers, Allen Eckhardt, Larry Eckhardt, Greg Eckhardt and Cletus Eckhardt. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Loreen's memory may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, 502 East Nueva St. San Antonio, Texas 78205.

# Cemetery Details

## Mission Burial Park North

20900 IH 10 West  
San Antonio, TX 78257

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge  
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78230  
(210) 349-1414  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Service

MAY 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. John's Lutheran Church  
502 E. Nueva St. San Antonio, Texas 78205  
San Antonio, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ *This was posted by me on the San Antonio Express News Obituary Website for Mrs Eckhardt on July 14, 2021. I just realized that the family may never have seen it.*

*We were so sorry to hear of Mrs. Eckhardt's passing. She was a really sweet neighbor. Wish I had known here better. I know my Mom knew her longer.*

*May the Lord comfort your hearts and give you peace.*

*Phyllis "Sandy" West Morris*

*July 14, 2021*

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**Phyllis A Morris** - February 17, 2023 at 12:48 PM



“ *Sentimental Dreams was purchased for the family of Loreen Duecker Eckhardt.*



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May 06, 2021 at 02:27 PM

JD

“ Dear Bonnie & Steve,

*I'm so sorry that I cannot make it to San Antonio to pay my respects. I always have had a special feeling towards Loreen. You may not know this, but she was my godmother. Loreen was always a very gracious lady. She always remembered me at Christmas as a little boy from sending coloring books and other special toys. As I got older, the teacher in her would come out & she would send me books. Two of the most memorable books were Lassie & Huckleberry Finn. She never forgot to send us a Christmas card greeting through the years from herself & Wesley. She will always have a special spot in my heart.*

*With loving memory,  
From Jimmy & Emily Duecker & Family*

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**Jimmy Duecker** - May 06, 2021 at 02:15 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Loreen Duecker Eckhardt.



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May 05, 2021 at 07:29 PM

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“ You were such a strong person i always admired uou. You are with the Lord now and at peace now. you will be missed. i love you. You will always be in my heart. Love Marilyn

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**Marilyn Ezzell** - May 05, 2021 at 10:06 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Loreen Duecker Eckhardt.*



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May 04, 2021 at 10:16 AM