



Mabel Lorene Ward

February 22, 1925 - February 14, 2020

Mabel Lorene Muenzler Lankford Ward was born February 22, 1925 in Gonzales County, Texas, and went to be with the Lord on February 14, 2020 at the age of 94. She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Mary (Bohmfolk) Muenzler, and her 11 siblings, Clarence, Herbert, Leroy, Edna, Arlie, Willie, Christian, Lenora, Roland, Winston and Leslie, and beloved ex-husbands, Joe Lankford and Robert Ward. Mabel is the last of her generation. She is survived by her 3 sons, Dan (Pong), Roy (Sandi) and Gary Lankford, and daughter, Dorothy (David) Ward Grascchel, grandson Brian Grascchel, granddaughters, Karyn Barrett, Christy and Monique Lankford, and 6 great grandchildren, Brian Lankford, Mason, Madison and Katelynn Sales, Kaelia Henson and Skyland Nuss.

Mabel was born and raised in Cost, Gonzales County, on a farm with her parents and 9 surviving siblings. They were later joined by a niece, Patsy, after her mother passed away, and Mabel then had a younger sibling. The family later moved to San Antonio, where Mabel attended Fox Tech High School. As a young adult during World War II, Mabel went to many dances and dated soldiers. Mabel met and married Joe Lankford and had 3 sons while living on a farm in Lytle, TX. After their divorce, Mabel married a former soldier she met during the war, Robert Ward, and moved to Philadelphia, PA, where they had a daughter, Dorothy, and lived for several years before she and the children returned to San Antonio in 1962. Mabel had a full life, including her greatest loves of family, lifelong membership at Aldersgate UMC

(now East St. Paul UMC), and traveling throughout the United States (about 47 states) and Europe, both with her family and on her own. Mabel's other greatest love was her 24 years working in the Fire Prevention Office of the San Antonio Fire Department, where she developed deep and lifelong friendships.

The family wishes to thank Mabel's beloved caretaker, Marsha Padilla, who was invaluable in the long-term care of Mabel in her later years and has become an honorary family member. Also thanks to both All-Care Home Health and Beacon Hospice for their love and assistance during the final years.

Visitation will be on Thursday, February 20, 2020 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Funeral service will be on Friday, February 21, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at East St. Paul United Methodist Church (formerly Aldersgate), 502 Kayton. Interment to follow at Sunset Memorial Park, 1701 Austin Hwy.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to East St. Paul United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Park

1701 Austin Hwy
San Antonio, TX 78218

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 20. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
1700 SE Military Dr
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Funeral Service

FEB 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

East St. Paul United Methodist Church
502 Kayton
San Antonio, TX 78218

Tribute Wall

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“ Would like to express my deepest condolences to the family. I will miss her dearly. I am at a loss for words. I have many memories good and bad but , I will never forget her. She was like family to me. I really enjoyed her stories of her many trips around the world. We shared many things together she was a joy and a pain at times. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to take care of her. I learned a lot from her. She was like a mom to me Thanks for sharing her with me. All my love and prayers for family. Gone but never forgotten.

Marsha Padilla - February 19, 2020 at 07:53 PM

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“ Roy (Sandi) and All of Mabel's family, our deepest sympathy. Our prayers, thoughts and love are with you at this time. Know she is in your hearts and memories always. She is watching over you all always. Stay strong and have faith. Bless you all.
Vicky and Ernie

Victoria G. Posada Foreman - February 17, 2020 at 03:48 PM

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“ Victoria G. Posada Foreman lit a candle in memory of Mabel Lorene Ward



Victoria G. Posada Foreman - February 17, 2020 at 03:46 PM