



## Marie-Claude C. Flores

June 5, 1938 - November 29, 2019

Marie-Claude Eugénie Emilienne Chaimbault Flores of San Antonio, TX died at home surrounded by multiple family members on Friday afternoon November 29, 2019 at the age of 81 years.

Marie-Claude was born in Montbrison, France on June 5, 1938--a Pentecostal Sunday (as she always teased and boasted). She was raised in Châtelleraut, France where she shared a country French home with her parents and 3 sisters. Here is where her foundation of devout Catholicism and strong values for higher education began.

As a young child, Marie-Claude had many memories of WWII and the beginning of the Nazi invasion of France. Our Mom always told us stories of her parents taking her, her sisters, and older women in the neighborhood who didn't have family to seek shelter at her grandparents farm.

While growing up in France, Marie-Claude had many interests: playing sports such as volleyball and basketball, ice skating on frozen lakes, swimming in the nearby river, being a Girl Scout, membership in her Catholic high school group, and working with children's summer programs as a young adult. Marie-Claude enjoyed visiting and playing with her aunts, uncles, cousins, and grandparents.

Through the French education system, Marie-Claude became fluent in English as well as other languages and was highly educated. She was also trained as a librarian, and due to her fluency in English, became the perfect candidate to work at the American Army base next to Chatellerault. It was in the library at this army base, that Marie-Claude met the love of her life, Ignacio T. "Nash" Flores. They became engaged, and in the summer of 1960 she moved from France to Floresville, TX to join Nash in marriage. Our Mom was always independent minded and never fell prey to popular trends or expectations of others.

Shortly afterwards, Marie and Nash moved to San Antonio where they spent the next 40 years together in marriage until Nash died in September of 2000. Marie-Claude was extremely intelligent and chose to be a stay at home mother to her 4 children as she was unwavering in her belief that her children were to be raised, protected, and cared for by her instead of strangers. Our Mom gave so much of herself to us, then later her 5 grandchildren whom she loved and adored. They too loved and adored her, endearingly naming her their Grandma Texas and/or Bouah!

When Marie-Claude's children were older, she decided to obtain part time employment with HEB close by her home to help with the ever growing expenses of raising 4 children--including Catholic education for all through high school. Marie-Claude's part time employment turned into full time employment, then ultimately retirement from HEB 17 years later.

Our Mom enjoyed and was very skilled with cooking and baking both French and American cuisines! She often referred to her time cooking and baking as a labor of love for our family. Our Mom was also excellent at the art of knitting and frequently made baby booties for her children, grandchildren, and friends. Our Mom also knitted other items for us and herself including sweaters, hats, and a coat made out of yarn from France. Our Mom would frequently sew

various items including clothing and accessories for our dolls! Our Mom loved reading and listening to various genres of music. Our Mom was a gardening enthusiast and loved all flowers. Red roses were her favorite. Our mom was also an avid jogger, as she jogged 5 miles in her large back yard most days of the week for many many years, regardless of weather (heat, rain, cold, or even snow)! Our Mom lived life to the fullest, until the very end.

Our Mom was an amazing person: unique, loving, strong, generous, adventurous, sassy, tenacious, courageous, compassionate, determined, and self sacrificing. She was always a caring spirit with genuine concern for others, whether they were family or not, and often put others' needs before her own. Our Mom's strong set of values, devout faith, fortitude, and common sense saw her through many hard times. Despite various adversities throughout her lifetime, our Mom always found joy and fulfillment in life and living.

Mom/Bouah, we will all be forever grateful to you for all you have done for us. We are so Proud to call you Our Mom, Our Bouah! We miss you so much, but you are finally free. We know the love you have for us, and we have for you, is forever.

Marie-Claude is preceded in death by her husband; her parents Raymond Chaimbault and Huguette Brion Chaimbault; her stillborn youngest sister Geneviève Chaimbault; her maternal aunts Thérèse Brion Thenault and husband, Suzanne Brion Chaplain and Daniel, and Marcelle Brion Saurreaux and Paul; her paternal aunt Olympe Chaimbault Braguier and husband; her paternal uncle Gaston Chaimbault and wife; and multiple friends and neighbors, all of whom she loved and adored.

Marie-Claude is survived by her children Catherine Tomassetti and John,

Valérie Flores and Emilie Hutson, Paul Flores, and Roxane Maas; her grandchildren Sean Tomassetti, Lauren Tomassetti, Samantha Maas, Lucie Maas, and Sophie Maas; her sisters Nicole Chaimbault Robert and Jacques, Annie Chaimbault Joly and Jean-Jacques, and Françoise Chaimbault Gouverneur and Jean-Louis. Marie-Claude is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, all of whom she loved and adored.

Rosary will be recited in the Dellcrest Chapel on Friday December 6, 2019 at 7pm. Funeral Mass will be held at St. Benedict's Catholic Church on December 7, 2019 at 10am. Burial following at St. Jerome's Catholic Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Jerome Catholic Cemetery

7955 Real Road  
San Antonio, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 6. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Dellcrest Funeral Home  
2023 S WW White Rd  
San Antonio, TX 78222  
(210) 337-4082  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Rosary

DEC 6. 7:00 PM (CT)

Dellcrest Funeral Home  
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## Funeral Mass

DEC 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Benedict Catholic Church  
4535 Lord Rd  
San Antonio, TX 78222

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Marie-Claude C. Flores.



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