



## Marla J. Eckert

November 2, 1955 - December 5, 2023

Marla Jeanne Eckert passed away peacefully into the hands of her Lord on Tuesday, December 5, 2023. She was born on November 2, 1955, to Albert Ludwig and Dorothy Pegg Eckert in San Antonio, Texas. Marla grew up in the post-war baby boom era. She was a happy child and liked to tag along after her brothers. She liked to play dolls with her mother and learned to cook and sew from Dorothy.

Marla graduated from Holmes High School in 1974. Afterwards she attended San Antonio College and then subsequently transferred to the newly established University of Texas at San Antonio. She graduated in 1981 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. After graduation Marla pursued a career in education. She developed a passion and love for early childhood education and went on to serve as the Director of Early Childhood Education at several churches. She loved her students, and they loved her. In fact, she stayed connected with many of them as they grew up and had families of their own. After the death of her father, Marla and her mother were constant companions. So much so, that as Dorothy aged, Marla assumed the role of her fulltime caretaker. Marla took on this role with love and affection and cared for her mother until Dorothy went to be with the Lord.

Marla's combined love of history and her passion for genealogy led her to develop her hobby of researching the rich history of her ancestors. Like her mother, she was a proud member of the Daughter's of the Republic of Texas, and they would often attend meetings together as well as ceremonial

functions at the Alamo. She was a quintessential Texan, steeled by her pioneer fore-fathers and at times, as subtle as a Texas blue norther.

Marla was a storyteller and an observer of the world around her. She had a unique way of seeing the world and was known for her keen sense of humor and her infectious laugh. She had a strong deep-rooted faith and was devout believer in Jesus Christ, her Lord and Savior.

She was preceded in death by her parents. Marla is survived by her brother Larry, his wife, Joy and their daughter, Anna; and her brother Reagan, his wife, Sandra, and their son Reagan. Marla was deeply loved and will be dearly missed.

# Cemetery Details

## Mission Burial Park North

20900 I.H. 10  
West San Antonio, TX 78230

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

DEC 15. 12:00 PM (CT)

Chambers Chapel at Mission Burial Park North  
20900 IH 10 West  
San Antonio, TX 78257

# Tribute Wall

LB

“ Marla and I were friends since second grade at Sunset Hills elementary. We almost have the same last names because my last name is Eckhart. She always made me laugh her whole life from second grade until her last day on this earth. I love her very much and always will and I know she loves me and always will. I miss you my friend very much!

Love ,  
Lyla Eckhart Belken



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**Lyla Belken** - January 27, 2024 at 12:56 PM

LB

*Marla and I at Cracker Barrel in March of 2023*

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**Lyla Belken** - January 27, 2024 at 12:57 PM

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“ Elly X. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marla J. Eckert.

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**Elly X.** - December 15, 2023 at 09:31 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marla J. Eckert.



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December 14, 2023 at 09:34 PM

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“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Marla. I knew her as a child as our families were close friends. My condolences to her brothers, Larry and Reagan. -- Patricia Schwencke Forsythe*

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**Patricia Forsythe** - December 14, 2023 at 08:47 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Marla J. Eckert.*



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December 12, 2023 at 08:10 PM