



Mary Lenora Gallagher

March 7, 1942 - August 28, 2022

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Mary Lenora Gallagher passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on August 28, 2022 at the age of 80. Mary was born in San Antonio, Texas on March 7, 1942.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Clara Lenora Gambill (Thompson), father, Paul Edward Gambill and sister, Jane Leslie.

She is survived by many who loved her dearly, including her husband, Michael Gallagher, son, Michael Shook (Patty), daughter, Barbara Gallagher, three siblings, Nancy Froment, Edward Gambill (Sherry), and David Gambill (Lisa), three grandsons, Deryn (Lesley), James, and Mitchell, great-grandchildren, Michael, Samantha, and Trystan as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Growing up in the military, Mary spent her childhood in many different places, she lived in Illinois, South Carolina, Virginia, and England. The family made their way back to San Antonio where Mary attended Highlands High School and graduated in 1960.

Mary had many talents and was the life of every party. She danced, she acted,

she painted. She was always up for an adventure. After graduating high school she married Wayne Shook, and continued her adventures as a military spouse living in California, Guam, & Washington state. Her son, Michael was born in San Antonio, Texas and daughter Barbara, was born in Bremerton, Washington.

Mary eventually made her way back home to San Antonio again in 1976. It was here that Mary met Michael "Mike" Gallagher a few years later and they married in 1985. In 1986, they bought a home together on the southside of San Antonio, where they have lived ever since.

Mary enjoyed spending time with her family and bowling at Germania bowling club. Mary was one of the smartest people any of her friends and family knew. Everyone knew not to call Mary when Jeopardy was on because she was certainly watching it. She often knew more of the questions on the show than the contestants did. Mary was an avid reader and loved science fiction. She always had a book in her hand and served as the treasurer for the Friends of the McCreless Branch Library.

Mary was authentic and as real as they get. She was never afraid to speak her mind. She was a free spirit and lived on her own terms. She loved fiercely and will be so incredibly missed.

Services will be at Fort Sam Houston on September 16, 2022 at 11:00am

In lieu of flowers, Mary's family is requesting memorial donations be made to the San Antonio Public Library Foundation (McCreless Branch)

Cemetery Details

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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