



Mary Helen Montgomery

July 22, 1935 - October 7, 2023

Mary Helen Montgomery of San Antonio, Texas died while surrounded by family on October 07, 2023 at the age of 88. Born in Crystal City, Texas on July 22, 1935 to Frank and Eleanor Muriel Castillo, she was the youngest of four children.

She attended school in Crystal City, when segregation based on her skin color was still practiced until she was in junior high. In high school, she was on the softball and volleyball teams, was elected to the student council, served as president of the business administration, Spanish, and library clubs, was an editor of the school newspaper, and was voted the most representative of her school during her sophomore year. Her love of school and hard work paid off, as she was named Valedictorian during graduation in 1954. She received numerous scholarships to schools and universities across Texas, but being eager to work, instead went to business school in San Antonio.

She began work in Civil Service in 1955, working at the 4th Army Headquarters Command at Fort Sam Houston for the Deputy Chief of Logistics, later being a writer and editor for the 5th Army, Public Affairs Office. She took a break in 1976 to help her husband manage business properties and a bookstore, later returning to work at the Audie Murphy VA Hospital in San Antonio from where she officially retired. As retirement was not for her, she would continue to work part-time while also holding callings in her church as she had throughout her adult life.

Mary and Rex were married in the Provo Utah Temple in 1974. They loved to

travel, listen to music, and enjoyed cultural arts together. She was a proud Native Texan, loving all things about our state. As an avid sports fan, you could catch her watching football, baseball, and of course basketball following her favorite team the San Antonio Spurs.

Her Husband Rex, her Brother Frank, and her Sister Gloria precede Mary in death. She is survived by her Brother Ralph Castillo, and children Marta Barnes (Erin), Miguel Montgomery (Diane), and Mark Montgomery (Chillon). While she is proud of the accomplishments of Marta, Miguel, and Mark, she was most proud of her grandchildren; Bambi Prosser (J.D.), Jade Christensen (Lucas), Buzz Barnes (Rae), Megan May (Doug), and Haden, Hennessy, Heston, and Hudson Montgomery. Also, of her great-grandchildren, Payden, Anika, and Denali Prosser, Xander, Heston, Adele, and Tarek Christensen, Dax Barnes, and Jed and Mara May. Despite not being officially related, she to this day will treat Rocky Martinez (Rebecca) as if he was her other son, and more recently Bentleigh Kersey (Tyler and Kaitlyn) as her great-granddaughter, always checking in on them, curious on how they were both doing.

She was one of the kindest most-loving individuals anyone could meet. A friend to everyone she met, the person known as the Best Mom Ever, will be missed by all her knew her.

Mary's life will be celebrated on Friday, October 27, 2023 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at 2103 St. Cloud San Antonio, Texas 78228 She will be laid to rest with her husband at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery on October 27, 2023.

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Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT **27**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
2103 St. Cloud
San Antonio, TX 78228

Committal Service

OCT **27**. 1:00 PM - 1:20 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MP

“ My sincerest condolences to the family. Mary was my neighbor and I am extremely thankful for that. She gave some toys to my grandson and was always the perfect neighbor. She will be tremendously missed. Rest in peace Mary.

Michael Paulsen - November 14, 2023 at 12:10 PM

VM

“ I'm deeply saddened by her passing. Sister Montgomery was a beautiful soul and very care. She was ready to be with her husband Brother Montgomery who was also a very kind soul. I will truly miss them both. Thank you for looking after me when I needed a mom. 🌻
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Virginia Martinez - October 31, 2023 at 06:55 PM

RW

“ I first met Mary Helen in 1969 when I was 16. She was beautiful, kind, and devoted to the gospel of Jesus Christ. She was always diligent in carrying out her church calling. We must have made a good enough impression on each other because through all these years, we remembered each other when we met at various events. I consider her a wonderful example of a godly woman.

Rebecca Vargas Wood - October 27, 2023 at 09:56 AM

MC

“ Thank you for leaving me a priceless memory of your awesomeness. R.I.P. our beautiful sister 🙏

Muñoz Letty Campos - October 26, 2023 at 06:43 PM

MC

“ *Mary's most vivid memory of me is that of a 5 year old me pretending her bathtub was a swimming pool. Mine of her is stored on my phone in form of video I captured of her awesome memories of our hometown we shared*💔

Muñoz Letty Campos - October 26, 2023 at 06:31 PM



“ *Celia Castillo lit a candle in memory of Mary Montgomery*



Celia Castillo - October 26, 2023 at 04:18 PM