



Mary Louise Ryder

January 26, 1940 - December 19, 2020

Mary Louise Wilson Ryder, 80 years old, lived in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. She passed away at CHRISTUS Santa Rosa on December 19, 2020. She was born in Seymour, Baylor County, Texas January 26, 1940. Mary was a professed and proclaimed Christian and served in many church leadership positions over the years and was a member of Calvary Hills Baptist Church. Mary is survived by her husband of 62 years, Dr. Gene Ed Ryder, Doctorate of Philosophy in Education, and their four daughters Carlyn S. Townsend Yon (Jac), Katherine E. Hargrave (Dalan), Anita L. Contreras (Chris), and Valerie A. Corte (Frank), all who reside in San Antonio, Texas.

Mrs. Ryder devoted her life to supporting her husband and four (4) daughters with extensive volunteerism in church and school activities. This devotion extended to her children's friends; whom were always welcomed into her home.

She was a Visual Fiber Artist using sewing, quilting and needle work/embroidery to produce high quality decorative costumes, doll dresses, quilts and clothing, much of which she donated. She specialized in sewing handmade doll wardrobes for the children at her church. Mary was a member of The Gideons International Auxiliary. Mrs. Ryder graduated with an Associate in Arts Degree from San Antonio College in 1966.

Mary was blessed with nine (9) grandchildren; John Ed Ryder Hebler (Starla), Jennifer Contreras Galindo (Enrique), Matthew Steven Lefever (Rachelle), Amy Katherine Lefever, Cherae Elizabeth Lefever (Essa), Victoria

Corte Hall (Clifton), Katrina Louise Corte, Frank "Trey" Julius Corte, III; and, Joshua Dean Contreras. In addition to that she had six (6) great-grandchildren; Philip Isaiah Lea, Bricen Ed Ryder Hebel, Alma Louise Lea, Walter Gene David Lea, Rory Wayne Hall; and, Eli Steven Yamini.

Mary came from a large family of ten (10) children, including herself. She is survived by her brother, Jimmy Lincoln Wilson who lives in Olney, Texas. She was preceded in death by her parents, James Frank Wilson and Dollie Idell Bell along with eight (8) brothers and sisters.

VIEWING will be held on Monday, January 4, 2021, from 6pm-9pm at Mission Park North Funeral Chapel, 3401 Cherry Ridge, San Antonio, Texas 78230.

The FUNERAL SERVICE will be held the following day, Tuesday, January 5, 2021, at 11:30am at Calvary Hills Baptist Church, 910 West Loop 1604 North, San Antonio, Texas 78251. The funeral service will be officiated by Pastor Jared Kress of Calvary Hills Baptist Church and Dr. Randy Houston, former Pastor of Calvary Hills Baptist Church.

GRAVESIDE SERVICES will be held immediately after the funeral at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, 1520 Harry Wurzbach Road, San Antonio, Texas 78209. Graveside services will be officiated by Dr. Houston.

Please consider a donation in Mary's honor, of bibles through The Gideon's International.

<https://www.gideons.org/donate>

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# Cemetery Details

## Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 4. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North  
3401 Cherry Ridge Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78230

## Church Service

JAN 5. 11:30 AM (CT)

Calvary Hills Baptist Church  
910 W. Loop 1604 N.  
San Antonio, TX 78251

## Interment

JAN 5 (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery  
1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209



# Tribute Wall

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“ Thinking and praying for you, Anita, and family. Praising God for Mary's arrival home with Jesus, but knowing that until we all have a great reunion one day, you will need God's peace and comfort. God is with you.

Your Stevenson Family  
Wildcat STRONG

Denise - January 05, 2021 at 05:08 PM

RA

“ My condolences to all the family of Mary she's a sweet loving mother and a good friend thank you for having me known her love you all take care

Rosalinda Aguilar - January 05, 2021 at 07:48 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Ryder.



January 04, 2021 at 09:17 AM

SS

“ Your will truly be missed. All my love, Sandy Subia



Sandra Subia - January 03, 2021 at 03:30 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Ryder.*



January 03, 2021 at 03:25 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Ryder.*



January 02, 2021 at 05:45 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Ryder.*



January 01, 2021 at 05:40 PM



“ *The Blackburns purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Mary Louise Ryder.*



**The Blackburns** - December 31, 2020 at 09:52 AM

DS

“ My prayers are with all of you during this most difficult time. I always felt at home at the Ryder house when I was a kid! Mary extended gracious hospitality as though I was her own. I'm sorry to say I will not be able to pay respects in person due to a positive Covid-19 test. Blessings to you all.

debi Stapper - December 30, 2020 at 03:25 PM

BW

“ My wife Denise and I would always look forward to a friendly smile and kind words from Mary each Sunday at church. We enjoyed eating meals with Mary and Gene and other friends after church services for many years. We extend our prayers and condolences to Gene and his family. God bless.  
Blake and Denise Westerman

Blake and Denise Westerman - December 30, 2020 at 07:10 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Ryder.



December 29, 2020 at 03:21 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Ryder.



December 29, 2020 at 02:48 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Ryder.*



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December 28, 2020 at 09:50 PM



“ *Mary Ryder was an absolute woman of God and I love her and will always respect the woman if God she was and still is! She will truly be missed and she has now 4 strong women in each their own ways to shine on like Mary Ryder was. She loved you all RIP to my other Mother* ❤️🙏

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**Donna Farmer Mitchell** - December 26, 2020 at 12:46 PM



“ *Mary Ryder is a role model for a great Mom, Grandma, Wife, and Friend. A true "Proverbs 31" woman. My best memory of Mary - her love for God, Family, and Country. We love the Ryder Family. God bless you all.*

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**Ken and Rosy Mercer** - December 22, 2020 at 08:40 AM