



## Maysel Kirch Northrup

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Maysel Kirch Northrup joined her Lord on December 3, 2020 in San Antonio, Texas at age 94. She was a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, but greatest of all, she was a devout follower of Christ. The seeds of faith she planted in the lives she reached as a missionary continue to bloom today in various corners of the world. Maysel leaves behind a beautiful legacy of faith, generosity and service.

Mrs. Northrup was born on November 18, 1926 in Absarokee, Montana to J.F. Kirch and Alice Schwenneker. She grew up on a ranch surrounded by majestic snow capped mountains, big blue skies and open pasture. After marrying her husband Rodney Glenn Northrup on June 22, 1947, the couple moved to Mexico in 1950 to serve as missionaries.

The city of Saltillo was their mission field, and their home base of Rancho Altamira served as the beating heart of their mission - a place where thousands would come to know Christ. As the Northrup's learned Spanish and preached the Gospel in the city and surrounding rural areas, Maysel played the piano to accompany church singing, and used the more portable accordion to play in remote Mexican villages.

The couple had three children that they raised on the ranch: Mark, Anita and Destiny. Rodney, with Maysel by his side, helped plant multiple churches, hosted Christian conventions, welcomed mission trips and organized summer Bible school. The Northrup's served in Mexico for more than 50 years, and their family multiplied to become a Christ-loving bilingual and multicultural bunch spread out across the continent.

Maysel was known to be a prayer warrior for her family. She actively taught her children and grandchildren to always put their trust in the Most High. She lived courageously, and did not allow ailments in her body to keep her from nourishing her spirit by worshiping God and reading His word. Maysel was also a big believer in higher education, and actively supported the college education of all of her grandchildren. She hung their diplomas proudly on her bedroom wall. Maysel even went on to earn a BA degree, graduating on stage alongside her daughter Anita. Years later, Maysel and Rodney both received Honorary Doctorate Degrees from their Alma Mater, Northwest Christian University in Eugene, Oregon.

Mrs. Northrup is preceded in death by her husband Rodney and daughter Sylvia Destiny Lichte Northrup. She is survived by her daughter, Anita Macaya (Rafael); son, Mark Northrup (Magdalena); sisters, Marilyn Hart and Mildred McKittrick; 8 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

This is the blessing Maysel would give her family (Numbers 6:24-26):

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious to you.

May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,  
and give you peace.

## SERVICES

Visitation will be on Friday, December 18, 2020 from 6:00pm-9:00pm at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. A Chapel Service will be held on Saturday, December 19, 2020 at 12:00pm at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the mission started by the Northrups in Mexico: Family and Missions Institute, 4527 Rock Elm Woods, San Antonio, tx 78249.

For personal acknowledgement, you may sign the online guestbook at [www.missionparks.com](http://www.missionparks.com) in the Tributes section.

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Maysel Kirch Northrup*



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**Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery** - December 19, 2020 at 01:07 PM

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“ *My sincere sympathy to the Northrup family. We met years ago when my family lived in Brownsville and we were members of Central Christian Church. I have fond memories of visiting the Northrups in Mexico, along with other church members. Maysel was a lovely person. She will be missed.*  
*Pam Porter Beach - daughter of Henry and Gladys Porter*

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**Pam Beach** - December 17, 2020 at 01:08 PM

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“ *Anita Macaya is one of the sweetest souls I know, and I know that her mom must have been pretty exceptional to raise a daughter with such a kind and giving heart. I am so sorry for your loss. You are in our prayers.*

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**Erin McKinney** - December 16, 2020 at 04:54 PM