



## MELROSE JOY MARIE (TSCHIRHART) BENDELE

February 8, 1932 - February 8, 2023

MELROSE JOY MARIE (TSCHIRHART) BENDELE, age 91, was born on February 8, 1932, in Castroville, TX. She passed away on her 91st birthday on Wednesday, February 8, 2023. Melrose is survived by her sons, Larry Michael Bendele and wife Rosemary, Douglas Hilmer Bendele and wife Susan; daughters, Deborah Marie Williams and husband Dennis, and Barbara Ann Applebee and husband Hal; nine grandchildren, Michelle Hewitt and husband Paul, Brandon Bendele and wife Nikki, Kevin Bendele and wife Erin, and Devona Minica and husband Brandon, Kristi Stryk and husband Joey, Lori Williams and friend Darcey Deisch, Jake Bell and wife Rachel and Jeffrey Kraus and wife Jennifer, and Ryan Bendele and wife Heather; and 18 great-grandchildren Haley and Logan Hewitt, Karsyn and Brody Bendele, Kaspian, Korbin, Kale and Koen Bendele, Sadie and Connor Minica, Justin and Joshua Stryk, Tyler and Colten Bell, Emma and Travis Kraus, Abigail and Samarrah. She is also survived by one brother, Alex Joseph Tschirhart, cousins, nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors. Melrose was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Hilmer Ernest Bendele, her son, Gerald Ernest Bendele, her parents, Alex Herman Tschirhart and Marguerite Florence Riff, and her sister, Shirley Oefinger. Melrose worked for many years as a Church Secretary at both St. Cecilia's Catholic Church and Harlandale Presbyterian Church. She was an active member of the Altar Society and served as an Extraordinary Minister at Holy Name Catholic Church. She was also a member of Hermann Sons Siemering Lodge No. 32. Melrose treasured her

family and loved spending time with her kids, grandkids and great-grandkids. One of her favorite traditions was the annual Tschirhart family trip to Las Vegas to celebrate her birthday. SERVICES: Visitation will begin on Monday, February 13, 2023 at 5:00 PM to 8:00PM at Mission Alamo Funeral Chapel, 624 N. Alamo, San Antonio, Tx. 78215 with a Rosary to begin at 7:00 P.M. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 11:30 A.M. at Holy Name Catholic Church, 3814 Nash Blvd., San Antonio, Texas 78223. Interment will follow at Hondo Cemetery. Pallbearers will be several of Melrose's great-grandsons.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 13. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Alamo Funeral Chapels  
624 N Alamo St  
San Antonio, TX 78215  
(210) 554-5000  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Rosary

FEB 13. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Alamo Funeral Chapels  
624 N Alamo St  
San Antonio, TX 78215  
(210) 554-5000  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 14. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Holy Name Catholic Church  
3814 Nash Blvd  
San Antonio, TX 78223

## Committal Service

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FEB 14. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Hondo Cemetery  
400 County Road 443  
Hondo, TX 78861

# Tribute Wall

BM

“ My thoughts about Mrs. Bendele are all positive, and I have watched her over the years as she was active with her children and grandchildren, and she was always smiling and happy to be with her active family. I worked with Larry Bendele, and watched his son, Brandon, also succeed in motorsports and I was lucky enough to be able to write about it in *The San Antonio Light* and the *Express-News* over the years. I was out at several race tracks watching the Bendele Team's activities LATE into many nights, and Mrs. Bendele was always there helping and supporting her large family. This was a very nice obit and I had no idea she worked with/for so many different organizations, and belonged to so many excellent groups. She was a very nice and successful person, and I wish the very best to the large Bendele family, and know this wonderful person is very happy in Heaven, and is probably helping to organize them right now ! Bruce Mabrito / South Texas

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**Bruce Mabrito** - February 16, 2023 at 02:21 AM

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“ Love Aunt Melrose! I know she is enjoying all in Heaven this day and will be forever watching over her family and friends here. Our Prayers go out to all. One of my favorite memories was sitting back and listening to Aunt Shirley, Aunt Melrose & Uncle Alex go at it - they would feed off one another. Was fun to listen to and brought a smile to everyone.



Love, The Ross Family - Lisa, Kevin, Sean & Charlie

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**Lisa Ross** - February 13, 2023 at 06:45 PM

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“ Gary Beasley & Mike Morris purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of MELROSE JOY MARIE (TSCHIRHART) BENDELE.



Gary Beasley & Mike Morris - February 13, 2023 at 04:55 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of MELROSE JOY MARIE (TSCHIRHART) BENDELE.



February 13, 2023 at 02:49 PM

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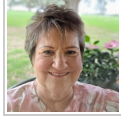
Love, The Deisch Family - February 13, 2023 at 08:07 AM

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“ I remember Melrose from her time at St. Cecilia's, when I taught Gerald in the school. She was very kind and a loving mother. I know that Gerald's death was very painful for her and Hilmer. My condolences to the family in your time of grieving. May God bless you and console you now and in the future.



Sr. Shirley Vaughn - February 11, 2023 at 11:11 PM



*Thanks, Sister Shirley, for your kind words. Mom loved her St. Cecilia's family. Yes, Gerald's loss hurt her deeply. Through God's graces, she managed to celebrate her 91st birthday here and on heaven on the same day.*

**Debbie Bendele Williams** - February 13, 2023 at 11:44 AM



*“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of MELROSE JOY MARIE (TSCHIRHART) BENDELE.*



February 11, 2023 at 02:29 PM



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February 11, 2023 at 09:25 AM



*“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of MELROSE JOY MARIE (TSCHIRHART) BENDELE.*



February 11, 2023 at 12:36 AM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray* was purchased for the family of MELROSE JOY MARIE (TSCHIRHART) BENDELE.



February 11, 2023 at 12:32 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket* was purchased for the family of MELROSE JOY MARIE (TSCHIRHART) BENDELE.



February 10, 2023 at 03:30 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet* was purchased for the family of MELROSE JOY MARIE (TSCHIRHART) BENDELE.



February 10, 2023 at 03:23 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of MELROSE JOY MARIE (TSCHIRHART) BENDELE.



February 10, 2023 at 02:01 PM