



Merlene Alice Childers

January 24, 1929 - January 22, 2021

Merlene Alice Childers went to be with the Lord on January 22, 2021 at the age of 91. She was born on January 24, 1929 in Fredericksburg, Texas to parents Alfred and Bertha Arhelger. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Robert E. Childers; brothers, Vernon Arhelger, Lester Arhelger, Clifton "Slim" Arhelger, Alberto Arhelger; sisters, Dorothy Renee, Nell Jung; brother-in-law, John Brown and son-in-law, Kenneth M. Patterson.

She is survived by her loving daughter, Carol A. Patterson; sister, Louise Brown; grandson, Lance Patterson; great-grandson, James Patterson and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family members.

Merlene was a Registered Nurse and retired from the Nix Hospital after 3 decades of service.

Funeral service will be held on Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Interment to follow at Mission Burial Park South.

In accordance with CDC safety precautions, everyone is required to wear a mask and practice social distancing when entering the funeral home and at the cemetery. There will be a 75 person maximum allowed in the chapel. We thank you in advance.

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park South

1700 SE Military Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78214
<http://www.missionparks.com>

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 4. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of Merlene Alice Childers*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - February 07, 2021 at 09:18 PM



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Merlene Alice Childers*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - January 25, 2021 at 11:56 PM

MN

“ I am saddened today to learn of the passing of my very special charge nurse from Nix Hospital. Living in the Chicago area for the past 30 years, I have on occasion kept in touch with Merlene, and it was very special to get to visit her in her home on 2 occasions when we went back to San Antonio for a visit. She was an excellent nurse, related well to patients who were going thru difficult times, and was well respected by all the staff at the Nix Hospital.. When I needed schedule changes for any reason, she was very helpful. She spoke lovingly of her Lord and now she is in the arms of Jesus. May the Lord give peace to her family. Mary Norton RN.

patients who were going thru difficult times.

Mary Norton - March 06, 2021 at 11:51 AM



“ Carol, Lance and families, our hearts are saddened by Merlene's passing, yet we know she is rejoicing in the presence of the Lord! We have many fond memories of her visits here, and of ours in Fredericksburg and San Antonio. She was always ready to greet with a warm smile and a sweet hug! She was a wonderful, generous and loving Aunt to us. We will treasure our precious memories of her. Much love, many prayers, and a warm comforting hug to you all. Stephen, Sue Brown and families.

Sue Brown - February 04, 2021 at 09:42 PM

RF

“ Rachael Eckerman Hearn and family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Merlene Alice Childers.



Rachael Eckerman Hearn and family - February 04, 2021 at 10:19 AM

LC

“ Lester & Dorothy Arhelger children purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Merlene Alice Childers.



Lester & Dorothy Arhelger children - February 02, 2021 at 11:02 AM

RG

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Rita C Graham - January 31, 2021 at 07:07 PM

RG

Koenig Reunion 2017

Rita C Graham - January 31, 2021 at 07:08 PM

RG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Rita C Graham - January 31, 2021 at 06:18 PM

TA

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Theresa Arhelger - January 31, 2021 at 06:00 PM

RG

Beautiful!

Rita C Graham - January 31, 2021 at 06:19 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Merlene Alice Childers.*



January 29, 2021 at 09:42 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Merlene Alice Childers.*



January 29, 2021 at 04:00 PM



“ *Many wonderful memories of several summers spent with Aunt Merlene and you as a child. Memories that will forever be burned into my heart and mind. Thinking back we definitely must have added a bit of stress to Aunt Merlene's world with some of our shenanigans. 😊 She was the most caring, loving person I have ever known and she'll be missed by many.*

My thoughts and prayers are with you and yours as you continue your journey here on earth without her.

Much love,

Sherry Arhelger-Foster

(Clifton "Slim" Arhelger's daughter)

Clyde, Texas

Sherry Foster - January 28, 2021 at 11:04 PM

RG

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Rita C Graham - January 28, 2021 at 07:11 PM

DA

“ *Carol - Praying for you and all of your Moms family and friends! She was a beautiful lady inside and out and I know she will be missed. Sending Love*
David and Donna

Donna Alderman - January 27, 2021 at 08:01 PM

FE

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you. I am so sorry for your loss. Merlene was very special to me since she was my Godmother. My middle name is 'Merlene' which I treasure even more now. May God comfort you with His love and grace!*

Florence Merlene Klaehn Eckert
Fredericksburg, Texas

Florence Eckert - January 26, 2021 at 10:42 PM