



Patricia Anne Frels

July 16, 1929 - October 13, 2019

Patricia Ann Fuller Frels passed away on October 13, 2019 in Houston, Texas. She was 90 years old. Pat is survived by three daughters and three sons-in-law, Carol Frels Salvesen and Steve Salvesen, Diane Frels and Ray Dunn, and Judy Frels and Lou Cantolupo. She is also survived by her granddaughter, grandson-in-law and great grandson Sarah (Salvesen) Mills, husband Jon Mills with their son, Jaxson Mills. She is also survived by her grandson, Johnny Salvesen. She is preceded in death by her loving husband of 59 years, Lawrence Frels; her two sisters and their husbands, Hazel and Johnny Gatlin and MaryLee and Liles Arnold, as well as her niece Jody Arnold, and nephews Mike Gatlin and John Lutringer. Lawrence's brother, Fehner Frels and his dear wife, Gaye Frels, also preceded her. Pat was a fun and loving aunt, and up until her passing acted as the reluctant matriarch of the family. Nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, who will mourn her passing include Lee Ann and Tim Knight, Linda and Richard Barnhart, Sandra Gatlin, Laurie Lutringer, Rick Barnhart and Tony Barnard, Michelle Barnhart and John Mentler, Darrell and Roseanne Gatlin with sons Travis and Justin, and Sammi and Travis Hill with daughters Randi and Jo Jo.

Pat was a wonderful wife, mother and neighbor who lived on Kaiser Drive for over 60 years, almost all of them with "Frels" (as she called him), known to most as "Larry." She raised her three girls to be strong, independent women, often to her own consternation. She welcomed all comers into her home with

a smile, a warm hug, a cold beer and “some supper.” She was known to divert many dogs from their wanderings with a warm lap and a nice meal. She worked in civil service before her children were born and re-entered the workforce once they were all in school. She was an attentive and caring neighbor, driving many Kaiser residents to doctor appointments or Night in Old San Antone -- wherever they needed to be. The family was a member of St. John’s Lutheran Church for many years where Pat served in the altar guild. Later, she joined Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and joined the altar guild there as well.

She instilled in her children the joy of hospitality, a deep love of music and dancing, and a sense of responsibility to community. She will be missed by all who knew her, as she was always ready for a party, up to the very end.

A visitation will be held on Friday, October 18 at 1:00 p.m., followed immediately by a funeral service at 2:00 p.m. at Dellcrest Funeral Home, 2023 S.W.W. White Road, San Antonio, TX 78222.

Please join us from 4:00-7:00 p.m. for a celebration of Pat’s life at Buckhorn Saloon and Museum, 318 E. Houston Street, San Antonio TX.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Talitha Koum Institute, 1311 Clay Ave, Waco, TX 76706; talithakoum.org.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Viewing

OCT 18. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Dellcrest Funeral Home
2023 S WW White Rd
San Antonio, TX 78222
(210) 337-4082
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Funeral Service

OCT 18. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

OCT **28**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Patricia Anne Frels.* ”



October 17, 2019 at 02:59 PM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Patricia Anne Frels.* ”



October 15, 2019 at 10:38 AM