



## R. Irene Bissonnet

May 3, 1944 - June 5, 2024

R. Irene Bissonnet, age 80, formerly of Von Ormy, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, in Corpus Christi. Irene was born in Raymondville to Eugene Earl Bissonnet Sr. and Ruby Doris Vanderhider on May 3, 1944. She attended Ray High School in Corpus Christi. Later she attended Texas State Technical Institute and Palo Alto College.

She worked as a secretary, accountant, and long-haul truck driver before working for Holt Cat in San Antonio for more than 20 years. In addition to working full-time, Irene also ran her own horse operation. She was a horse whisperer who gentled her horses. Her horse breeding program focused on Paint Walking horses, though she did work with other breeds and at one time bred Chihuahua dogs. In her spare time, she enjoyed making jewelry, arts & crafts, and rosaries.

Irene is preceded in death by her parents, Eugene E. Bissonnet and R. Doris V. Allen, and her brother, Eugene Earl Bissonnet Jr. (Butch). Irene is survived by her son, Troy Hlavinka; her sister, Ellen Zdansky; her sister-in-law, Darlene Bissonnet; her grandson, John Hardy; three great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be at noon on Friday, July 19th at the San Fernando Cemetery II in San Antonio.



# Cemetery Details

## San Fernando Cemetery #2

746 Castroville Rd.  
San Antonio, TX 78237

# Previous Events

## Inurnment

JUL 19. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Troy, I'm so sorry to hear about your mom. I've thought of her many times over the years. We met at Bordier's and became fast friends. I bought one of her foals, out of Rosita & Oso Negro. I spent many hours at the house over off Pearsall Road, and riding the horses all over the countryside. We lost touch at some point, but her memory always made me smile.

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**Patty Soriano** - October 07, 2024 at 10:06 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family for your loss. Irene was a hero for me. I have known her since we moved onto her property when I was in 2nd grade. I remember breaking horses and going on trail rides. She was the mother figure I should've had. I will miss you!

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**Mary Kathrine** - July 29, 2024 at 12:51 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family for your loss. Irene was a very sweet woman and I had the pleasure of working with her at Holt. I started here in 2008 and she was so helpful to all of us "New Crane Techs" and always went out of her way to do all she could to make sure we were successful. She will be missed.

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**Daniel Erickson** - July 22, 2024 at 03:11 PM