



Romaine L. Rehwaldt Mertens

September 18, 1933 - June 18, 2025

Romaine Rehwaldt Mertens, 91, beloved wife, sister, and friend, passed away on June 18, 2025, in San Antonio, TX.

Romaine was born in Hartford, Wisconsin on September 18, 1933, to Frank J. Rehwaldt and Betty Schwartz Rehwaldt. She graduated from Hartford Union High School in 1951 as Valedictorian and became an X-Ray Technician at St. Joseph Hospital in 1953. In 1960, Romaine married the love of her life, Carl Mertens. In 1961 she gave birth to her daughter, Carlayne and in 1965, she gave birth to her son, Joe. In 1970, the family moved to San Antonio, Texas and Romaine continued her work as an X-Ray Technician at Community Hospital. Her career continued to progress, and she retired from Community Hospital in 1981 as the Chairperson of the X-Ray Department.

Romaine loved Native American and Central American woven crafts and in the 1980's she turned that love into a business called Village Weavers in the La Villita area downtown. Her business imported and sold woven crafts along with providing an outlet for local artists to exhibit their weavings, until her retirement in 1995.

Romaine also won many awards for her own weavings including Best in Shows at Weaving Momentum (four separate years), Judges Choice at the Contemporary Handweavers of Texas, and First Place in Fiber for Texas

Designer/Craftsmen Exhibition. She also shared her skills by teaching many workshops at the Southwest Craft Center, and many shows and conferences around Texas.

Romayne was active in many organizations, including San Antonio Handweavers Guild (President, Parliamentarian), Handweavers Guild of America, Wisconsin Federation of Weavers, Midwest Weaver's Guild, Texas Designer/Craftsmen, Contemporary Handweavers of Texas.

After her retirement from Village Weavers, Romayne and her husband, Carl traveled to most of the countries in the world and all seven continents.

Romayne is preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Carl Mertens, as well as her parents, Betty Schwartz Rehwaldt and Frank J. Rehwaldt, her brother Bob Rehwaldt, sister Mary Rehwaldt, and her grandson Christopher Jackson. She is survived by her daughter Dr. Carlayne Jackson, her son Carlton Joseph (Joe) Mertens, along with grandchildren Carenn Mackinnon, Caitlyn Jackson, Emily Dicioccio, Carlton James Mertens and great grandchild, Henry Christopher Lester.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

25781 TX-46
Bulverde, TX 78163

Previous Events

Holy Rosary

JUL 19. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St Joseph Catholic Church-Honey Creek
25781 State Hwy. 46 West
Spring Branch, TX 78070

Original German Chapel

Funeral Mass

JUL 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Original German Chapel

Committal Service

JUL 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *The Burns family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Romayne L. Rehwaldt Mertens.*



The Burns family - July 17, 2025 at 11:51 PM

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“ *Romayne was a wonderful friend and teacher. I enjoyed and benefitted from her wisdom, knowledge and experience. The years spent with her in the San Antonio Handweavers Guild were fun and informative. She was always ready and available to help with a problem. I will miss her.*
Judy Woller

Judy Woller - July 09, 2025 at 04:30 PM

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“ *Romayne was a dear friend and inspiration to me. May God bless her memory forever.*



Debra - June 22, 2025 at 12:08 AM