



## Virginia "Gigi" Mattke Duke

October 10, 1935 - October 26, 2021

Virginia "Gigi" Mattke Duke passed away peacefully at the age of 86 on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 in Keller, Texas.

Born on October 10, 1935 in San Antonio, Texas to Fred and Helen Mattke, Gigi attended Benjamin Franklin Elementary School and graduated from Thomas Edison High School in 1953. Throughout her life, Gigi was surrounded and beloved by parents, sisters, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, life-long friends, her daughters and their families.

Gigi was committed to faith, family, community, career, education, adventure, and making sure her girls NEVER embarrassed her!

She loved her Lord and her church, First Presbyterian Church. She was from the generation that believed in bringing the best version of yourself to church. She loved presenting her classy self to worship in the house of her Lord with her church family.

Gigi was dedicated to her family and her family was dedicated to her. She loved Churchill High School football more than anyone. Along with her little sister, Helen and her brother-in-law Lamar, she was in the stands at every game that her girls danced at, cheered at, or marched at. When she wasn't at a game, she was at a horse show, piano recital, choir concert, dance, drill or cheer competition. In between all that activity, Gigi was sewing costumes, uniforms, prom dresses, and school clothes. The most important lesson she taught her girls was the use of starch when ironing because, "MY girls will never leave the house in wrinkled clothes!"

Gigi loved her community, particularly her Grey Forest community. She loved going to council meetings, playing bunco, going to exercise class, volunteering at Christian Assistance Ministry (CAM), and recording the oral histories of veterans at the Nimitz Museum. There was never a time when she wasn't planning a high school, airline or cousins' reunion and she did it without a computer!

Gigi was committed to work and education. She was employed by Braniff Airways, American Airlines, and Sun Country Airlines for over forty years. She instilled in her girls a strong work ethic, a love of travel, and the education that goes with traveling. There was never a time that she wasn't researching a country and planning her next trip. She was determined that she and her girls would see the world and get an education.

Gigi had it all...brains, beauty, class and a sense of adventure that took her to over forty countries during her lifetime. As an airline employee, she took full advantage of the perks even if it meant the whole family didn't make the same flight. Gigi would often stick one or two of her girls on a flight, and say, "We'll just meet you there." "There" could have been Dallas or Europe and her girls just trusted her – even as young as 10! Braniff employees from San Antonio to Austria knew to look out for "Gigi's girls." Mom was one of a kind!

She was preceded in death by her parents and half-brother, Fred Mattke, Jr. She is survived by her daughters, Karen Lively and her husband, Ernie, Yana Gordon and Kellie Henderson; grandchildren, Jennifer Cleveland and husband, Mick, John Lively, Carrie Lively, Grant Gordon and his fiancé, Emma Ritter, Emily Gordon and Carson Henderson; great granddaughter, Elizabeth Cleveland; her sisters, Carolyn Vance and Helen Pfeiffer and her husband, Lamar; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and their families. Gigi's daughters and families wish to express their gratitude for the support from her Grey Forest family including the Grey Forest Volunteer Fire Department, Art, Trish, Chris, Jen, Brenda, Madeline and Bob Mander. Additionally, her family wishes to acknowledge Rusinder Bains and the staff at Meadowview House that have supported their mother.

## SERVICES

Visitation will begin at 10:00 A.M. followed by the Service at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at the Fred J. Tips Mausoleum Chapel, located at the rear of Mission Burial Park North, 20900 IH 10 West, San Antonio, Texas

78257. Interment will follow at the cemetery. In lieu of flowers, her family requests contributions in her memory be made to Dementia Research at [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org) or Christian Assistance Ministry CAM ~ [www.christianassistanceministry.org](http://www.christianassistanceministry.org).

# Cemetery Details

## Mission Burial Park North

20900 IH 10 West  
San Antonio, TX 78257

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

Fred J. Tips Mausoleum Chapel  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of Virginia "Gigi" Mattke Duke*



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**Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery** - November 01, 2021 at 10:58 AM

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“ *I have such fond memories of Virginia. I know Mamoo (Dorothy) is elated to be reunited with one of the "cousins". I'm sorry I can't be there today to celebrate her life but I'm with you all in spirit.*

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**Georgia Bratton Taylor** - November 02, 2021 at 11:09 AM

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“ *Grey Forest just isn't the same without Gigi. We are glad to know she is back to her full capabilities and is probably asking a lot of questions up there! Till we meet again sweet Gigi.  
Love Trish, Art and Nathan*

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**Trish** - November 02, 2021 at 10:42 AM

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“ *Rusinder & Everyone at Meadowview House purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Virginia "Gigi" Mattke Duke.*



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**Rusinder & Everyone at Meadowview House** - November 01, 2021 at 04:52 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Virginia "Gigi" Mattke Duke.



October 31, 2021 at 05:58 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Virginia "Gigi" Mattke Duke.



October 31, 2021 at 05:11 PM



“ Heavenly and Harmony was purchased for the family of Virginia "Gigi" Mattke Duke.



October 30, 2021 at 02:17 PM



“ Patti & Robert Humphrey purchased the Rose Tribute for the family of Virginia "Gigi" Mattke Duke.



**Patti & Robert Humphrey** - October 30, 2021 at 11:04 AM