

Vivian Marie Portzen

April 21, 1926 - February 20, 2018

Vivian Marie Portzen went to be with the Lord the morning of February 20, 2018 in San Antonio, Texas. She was born in Chicago, Illinois on April 21, 1926 to Gordis and Katheryn Preston. She grew up in the Chicago area and worked as a telephone operator and waitress where she met her first husband Norman Walker. Vivian and Norman had one daughter Carol Ann Saia who passed away in September of 2017. Vivian met and married Herbert Portzen in 1956 and they had two children - Shari Henderson and Lori Gallagher. Together they lived in the Chicago area, spent 3 years in North Platte, Nebraska, moved back to the Chicago area for nine years, and later settled in Knoxville, Tennessee where she lived and worked as an Avon Lady and waitress until 2014 when she moved to San Antonio, Texas.

Vivian was an avid poker player, a voracious reader, and a crossword puzzle and word search enthusiast. During her time in San Antonio she often got on her golf cart to drive down to the “center” in her retirement community for exercise classes and other activities like BINGO. She also attended Ladies lunches with the wonderful neighborhood ladies. She thoroughly enjoyed all the people she met in the new neighborhood. Many called her a 'pistol' - even at 91. One of her mottos - “Don’t bother arguing – I’m always right!” :-)

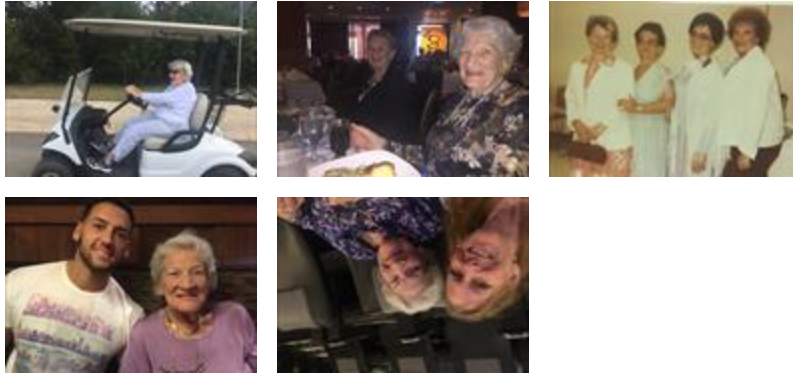
In addition to her daughter Carol she is preceded in death by her husband Herbert Portzen, one brother, and three sisters. She is survived by her

daughters Shari and Lori, grandchildren Blakely, Landon, Grayson, Cassidy, Shane, Jade, Tony, Tom, and Tim; and great grandchildren Skyla, Stetson, Storie, T.J., Ryan, Lisa, Tommy and Paul; and sister Patricia, as well as numerous other relatives and a lifetime of friends. The love she had for her family and friends was obvious and she will be greatly missed by all.

Tribute Wall

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“ 12 files added to the album Shari's photos



Shari - February 25, 2018 at 09:48 PM

LG

“ Loved seeing her at the new church and trying to find her when I'd go. I remember her always smiling 😊

Lalo G. - February 22, 2018 at 07:17 PM

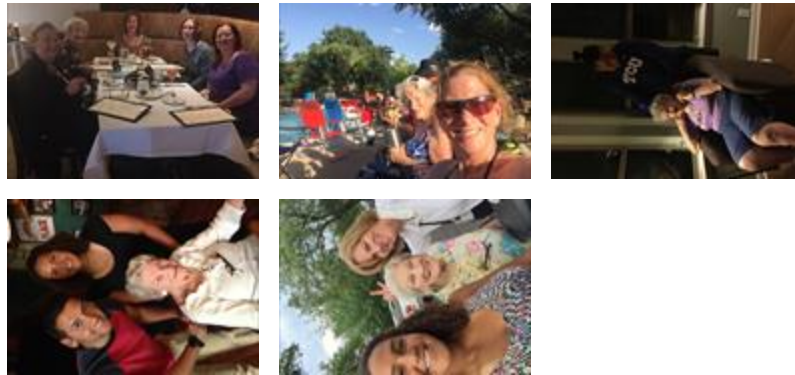
MC

“ Ms Vivian, Ma Portzen was the kindest, funniest yankee I have ever me! Always loved her sense of humor and her strong accent! Always welcomed me into her home. Shari, I was there for you as you entered Karns many years ago and I have been a part of your family ever since. My heart is sad. I love you guys. Hope to visit soon.

Melonie Collins - February 22, 2018 at 01:05 PM

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“ 18 files added to the album Shari's photos



Shari - February 22, 2018 at 10:12 AM

AD

“ My deepest sympathies for the loss of your dear loved one. I pray you find comfort in the God of the Bible during this difficult time.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort.”—2 COR. 1:3.

Adriana - February 21, 2018 at 04:02 PM

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Shari Henderson - February 20, 2018 at 03:21 PM