



Willis W. Gerold

July 26, 1931 - August 20, 2020

A Time to be Born – July 26, 1931 A Time to Die – August 20, 2020

Willis Mae Lewis Wooldridge Gerold went to be with her Lord and Savior on August 20, 2020 after a brief illness. She was born in Luckenbach, Texas to Buford and Aurelia Lewis (nee Frantzen) on July 26, 1931. She said her claim to fame was being from Luckenbach before Willie, Waylon and the boys ever arrived on the scene. At age two, she moved with her parents to Fredericksburg, Texas, and then to a farm six miles west of Johnson City, Texas. The family's final move was in 1941 when they settled on Lord Road on the east side of San Antonio, and where she said life changed for the better. Willis went to W.W. White Elementary and graduated from Sam Houston High School as class valedictorian in 1948.

Willis was a longtime member of Baptist Temple in San Antonio. She and her second husband, Carl Gerold, loved volunteering in ministry at the church's thrift store and were always willing to travel and pick up donations to assist community outreach. They also enjoyed biking, camping and going to garage sales together. Both of them were extremely handy around their own home and other people's houses.

She loved all of her grandkids equally and showed no favoritism; always aiming to make each one feel special in their own way. She was known for baking the best chocolate birthday cakes in all of south Texas (from scratch) and Christmas was her favorite holiday; she loved collecting a variety of Santa

Claus figurines from many sources.

Willis was preceded in death by her first husband, L.A. Wooldridge, Jr. in 1972, both of her parents in 1993 and her second husband, Carl Gerold in 2016. She is survived by her son; Hollis Wooldridge and his wife, Laura; her step-daughter, Janelle Bazar and her husband Jim; her step-son, Jeff Gerold and his wife Allison. Her grandchildren are: Morgan Wooldridge and wife Desiree, Clayton Wooldridge and wife Courtney, Harrison Wooldridge, Curtis Wooldridge, Amanda Bazar Puente and her husband Cesar, Adam Bazar, Natalie Gerold and Megan Gerold. Her great grandchildren are: Ayden & Ashton Moore, Tristan Puente, Maxx Wooldridge, Cayden Wooldridge, Capri Wooldridge, Calla Wooldridge, Joaquin Puente, and Clyde Wooldridge.

A graveside service will be held at Sunset Memorial Cemetery, 1700 Austin Highway, on Saturday, August 29, 2020 at 12 PM, with Pastor Gary Bradley conducting the service. Due to covid 19 restrictions, only 50 people total are allowed. Please feel free to sign the guestbook at www.missionparks.com In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Park

1701 Austin Highway
San Antonio, TX 78218

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG **29**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Willis W. Gerold.*



August 28, 2020 at 01:24 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Willis W. Gerold.*



August 28, 2020 at 01:21 PM



“ *We were co-grandmothers for more than thirty years and those four boys were fortunate to be close enough to share many good times and great meals together. Prayers for all her family.*

Sally Williams - August 26, 2020 at 10:35 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Willis W. Gerold.*



August 25, 2020 at 09:34 PM

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the family. We always enjoyed visiting with Carl and Willis. Madeline and Karl Krueger*

Madeline Krueger - August 24, 2020 at 10:59 PM

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“ *So sorry for your loss 🙏 Praying for you all*
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Ohlenbusch family ❤️ - August 24, 2020 at 08:20 PM



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Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - August 21, 2020 at 04:35 PM