



Peggy Sue Beard Menchaca

March 25, 1938 - June 19, 2020

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PEGGY SUE BEARD MENCHACA, beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister and dear friend, died peacefully in her home on June 19, 2020, surrounded by her children and her beloved Francisca Mendez.

Born March 25, 1938 in San Angelo, Texas, Peggy was preceded in death by her husband, Eli; her parents, Laura and Rufus Beard; and her brother-in-law, Albert Garza. She is survived by her daughter, Dana Cashiola and son-in-law Mark; her son Michael; her son David and daughter-in-law Laura; and her son Jay; her grandchildren, Cory De Los Santos and husband Eric, Laura Brasset and husband Steven, Rachael Menchaca, and David Eli Menchaca and his wife Kirsten; her great-grandchildren, Leah Brasset, Carolina De Los Santos, Allie Brasset, Hunter Menchaca, and Rey De Los Santos; her brother Thomas Beard and his wife Carol; her sister Mary Lou Sion and husband Buzz; and her family in San Angelo: Elodia Garza, Enriqueta and Martin Rios, Sam and Marilyn Menchaca, Amanda and Manuel Gonzales, Reyes and Angie Menchaca, Mona and Chindo Garcia, Robert and Debbie Menchaca, Eddie and Sharon Menchaca, and Christina Suarez; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to express its deep appreciation to those who so lovingly,

compassionately, and expertly assisted and cared for Peggy: the staff at the Museum Tower: Wilson, Glenn, Simon, Robert, John, Victor and Rosa; her caregivers, Laura, Jasmine, Funmi, and Michelle; and her medical team, Mae Thomas and Dr. James Willerson. In addition, the Family wishes to acknowledge the friendship shown to Peggy over so many years by her multitude of friends, including Christie and Ed Billings, Bette B. Hiney, Wanda Brothers, Kay McKinney, Mary Kay Henson, Richard Webb, Deborah Haynie, Nancy and Rich Kinder, Deborah Macdonald, Joan and Jim Prentice and Carrin Patman and Jim Derrick.

It was during her eighth-grade year at Thomas A. Edison Jr. High School in San Angelo, Texas that the gorgeous Peggy Sue Beard met her future husband, dashing handsome Eli Menchaca. They married at St. Mary's Catholic Church in San Angelo in February of 1957 and then embarked on a marriage that overflowed with faith, love, laughter, and adventure. The most wonderful of these adventures came to Peggy Sue and the Big E in the form of their children, each of whom they loved beyond measure: Dana, Mike, David, and Jay.

Peggy was, in two words, simply amazing. Yes, she was the world's best sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, in-law, and friend, but she was equally distinguished in the business and charitable realms. She was a source of both competence and humor wherever she worked, endearing herself to everyone from corporate executives to the office cleaning staff. She worked her magic at the Bracewell law firm, Houston Natural Gas, Enron (where she was the long-term vice president and corporate secretary) and helped launch Houston's successful downtown park, Discovery Green, as one of its first employees. She also volunteered her time for numerous civic causes, including serving as chairman of Houston's Downtown District.

Through all the years, she found time to become the reigning comic wherever

she worked, delighting her colleagues with an endless succession of jokes, always delivered with exquisite timing. Her friends firmly believed she missed her calling and could have been another Lily Tomlin, or in today's parlance, the equivalent of the marvelous Mrs. Maisel. To paraphrase Will Rogers, she never met a person she didn't like.

In addition, she returned to school and conquered the education world by graduating summa cum laude from Our Lady of the Lake University.

It would be impossible to convince those of us fortunate enough to have known and loved her that Peggy Sue was not fully capable of accomplishing any task to which she set her mind. One thing is certain – there will never be a dull moment in Heaven! It would not be surprising to learn that she has now been given an assignment of universal reach, perhaps that of setting the stars in their proper alignment. She was an unstoppable force of nature, making life its own self, simply because she was in it, such a wonderful, exciting, and fun-filled place for the rest of us. As Peggy would say, "That's just a fact, Mister. Yes Siree, Bob, you can take that right down to the bank and cash it."

A Mass of the Resurrection for Peggy will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m., with a visitation starting at 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, June 25, 2020 at St. Anne's Catholic Church, 2140 Westheimer Road in Houston, Texas. Peggy and Eli will be buried together at Memorial Oaks Cemetery in Houston. Donations may be made in honor of Peggy to Child Advocates, 3701 Kirby Drive, Suite 400, Houston, TX 77098; Discovery Green Conservancy, 1500 McKinney Street, Houston, TX 77010; the Texas Heart Institute, PO Box 1403, Houston, TX 77251 or a charity of your choice.

Please feel free to share a memory or condolence with the family.

Tribute Wall

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“Cathy Brock lit a candle My first memory of Peggy was with my father, Cliff Campbell who was HNGs Corporate Secretary. He & Peggy worked together & he would take us to work on the weekends so we got to know Peggy. She was brilliant & funny! Who knew that years later we would become close friends & she would succeed him as Corporate Secretary when he retired! She was amazing in every way- she made you feel like family- the ultimate compliment! I will miss her genuine love & her ability to bring joy to all! Love you Peggy Sue- forever & ever! Cathy Campbell Brock



Cathy Brock - June 25, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“Funmi Aiyenuro lit a candle I met Ms Peggy Menchaca last year. I worked as her caregiver for a year and developed a kind of mother daughter relationship with her. She was always smiling and fun to be with. My weekend was never fulfilled till I see her and her beautiful smile. Whenever I make her comfortable, she would give me a wink and a smile. I know she is in a better place, the world just lost an angel and the heaven just gained one. Rest In Peace mama, that's what I call you. I will definitely miss you mama.



Funmi Aiyenuro - June 25, 2020 at 12:00 AM