



# Mary Louise Garner

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**M**ary Louise Kirkpatrick Garner, 89, passed away peacefully on January 8, 2004 at her residence following a brief illness.

A native of Grand Saline, Texas, Mary was the daughter of William Andrew Wallace and Clara Bell Rusk Kirkpatrick. She married Ellis Rade Garner in 1936 at Terrell, Texas, and they lived in Longview from the early years of their marriage. Mary was a very kind, loving, and benevolent person who had many friends. She was an active member of the Alpine Church of Christ in Longview and retired in 1984 after a long career with Sears, Roebuck & Co. as a collection specialist.

Mary Louise was a great great granddaughter of General Thomas J. Rusk, for whom Rusk County was named. Mary was proud of her Texas heritage and was a member of the American Business Women's Association and a lively group of friends self-titled "The Fun Bunch."

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Ellis Rade Garner of Longview, and a daughter, Judith Diane Garner, a 1960 graduate of Longview High School and a deaf education administrator with the Dallas Independent School District.

Survivors include one sister, Virgil Kirkpatrick Roblinson of Henderson; two nieces and nephews-in-law, Roselyn & Fred Parsons of New London and Clarice & Larry Luce of Denton and two family friends, Nelda Davis of Arlington and Laura Knotts of Longview. She was especially proud of her three great nieces and one great nephew, Stephanie Parsons, Lori Luce, Julie Luce, and Matthew Parsons.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Alpine Church of Christ on Saturday, January 10th at 12:00 Noon followed by a brief graveside service at 3:30 PM at Woodside Cemetery in Grand Saline. There will be a family visitation at Rader Funeral Home in Longview from 6 to 8 PM Friday, January 9th.



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Memorials may be sent in her memory to the Alpine Church of Christ or to the American Heart Association.



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

Mary Louise was a beautiful woman, very articulate, enjoyable, and sweet. Our family owes her a debt for getting Jean and Harold Rusk together.##imported-begin##David & Ruth Rusk##imported-end##

January 13 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My mother Fae Hamblen and I send our love and prayers to Mary's family. Diane was a dear friend of mine for many years and I still miss her. Mary was a special friend to us and our family throughout the many years my mom and dad Reece Hamblen lived in Longview. They'll always be remembered and never forgotten. With our love, Nancye##imported-begin##Nancye Hamblen Briggs##imported-end##

January 8 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Mike and I have known Mary "forever." We have so many memories of shared good times with she and Diane, as well as with Mike's parents Wes & Etoile Danforth and my family, the Clamps. May Virgil and her daughters take comfort in knowing Mary is in a better place, reunited with loved ones who have gone before.##imported-begin##Carol & Mike Danforth##imported-end##

January 8 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Mary was a very sweet lady to have known. I did her hair off and on through the years. She will be greatly missed. She is in a perfect place now and will suffer no more. God be with her family. Janis Warner##imported-begin##Janis Warner##imported-end##

January 8 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

I met Mary through Georgeanna Price. I remember Mary as being livey and vivacious. She loved life. She was a beautiful woman who was eternally young at heart. She was proud of her home and she was a wonderful decorator. She visited my home this past summer with Georgeanna. She and I shared a love of antiques. She was so happy being there with Georgeanna and Charlie. Mary will be missed by all who knew her. I am sure she has everyone laughing in Heaven today.##imported-begin##Carlene Payne##imported-end##

January 8 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

We remember Mary as one of the most kind and sweet ladies. She was so comforting to us when we lost our son, Bruce, having been through the heartache of losing her daughter a short time before. We love you Mary. Ken & Jerri Jeffres##imported-begin##ken & Jerri Jeffres##imported-end##

January 7 at 7:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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