



Lawrence McManus

After six weeks of hospice care, Larry passed away on December 31, 2021.

Many of us remember Larry and his mother Marie playing here at the bridge club. They were so much fun. Marie passed away many years ago and shortly thereafter, Larry moved out of state.

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Lawrence McManus On Friday, December 31, 2021, Lawrence McManus passed away at the age of 84 after six weeks in hospice care. Larry was born in New York City to Lawrence (Sr.) and Marie McManus. He lived in Japan for two years while his father was serving as an appointed defense attorney during the World War II Tokyo war crimes tribunal. Upon graduating from St. Peter's Catholic High School, he attended and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from Manhattan College. Prior to 1960, Larry moved to El Paso and worked at White Sands Missile Range for more than 30 years until retirement. Working at White Sands Missile Range allowed him to serve his military commitment to the U.S. Army. He married Julie in 1964 and raised four children. Larry had a passion for sports, playing card games, and watching movies. Early on in El Paso he played golf regularly and participated in many tournaments and Sunday scrambles at Ascarate Golf Course. He was heavily involved in youth baseball and football while his children were playing sports including being the head coach for Mesita Boys Baseball teams and assisting with the Junior Miners youth football teams during the 1970's and early 1980's. He held season tickets for UTEP football and basketball from the 1960s through the 1980s. Larry was an expert bridge player and regularly played American Contract Bridge at the El Paso Bridge Club from the 1980s through the 2000's. He also enjoyed playing regular games of poker, Michigan, pinochle, and cribbage with friends and family. Larry had an affinity for movies of all genres and could easily answer any movie trivia question. He had a great sense of humor and loved to share jokes with friends and family. Larry was preceded in death by his father, Lawrence, mother, Marie, brother, Jerry, and second wife, Lillian. He was the last of his generation of the New York City McManus family, following the passing of his second cousin Jim McManus, the patriarch of the McManus Midtown Democratic Club which ruled politics in the Hell's Kitchen area of New York from 1892 through 2017. He is survived by his four children, Larry (Laura), Regina (Albert), Marc (Daisy), Mike, his nieces Kathy (Gene), Eileen (Steve), four grandchildren (Marcos, Alex, Christian, and Brooklynne), and one great grandchild (Apollo). Larry's wish was to be cremated and join his brother and mother at Mount Carmel Cemetery in El Paso. A small family ceremony will be held. Posted online on January 06, 2022 Published in El Paso Times



W. Gordon Mahon Jr. July 1, 1948 - December 29, 2021 W. Gordon Mahon Jr., age 73, entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, December 29, 2021, in El Paso, Texas. He was a wonderful father, son, grandfather, and will be greatly missed. Gordon is preceded in death by his parents; Wakefield Gordon Mahon and Virginia Bass, and his son; Samuel Goodin Mahon. He is survived by his son; Wakefield Gordon Mahon III, his grandchildren; Kristen Liberto, Joshua Mahon, Hannah Knapp, Caleb Mahon, Felix Jackson, and Felicity, as well as four great-grandchildren. He is also survived by many extended friends and family to cherish and honor his memory. A Graveside Service will be held Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 10:30am at Fort Bliss National Cemetery, 5200 Fred Wilson Ave, El Paso, TX 79906. Those who cannot attend in person may join the Celebration of Life services virtually on Face book Live at <https://www.facebook.com/sunsetfuneralhome> (no account is needed). Services are entrusted to Sunset Funeral Home-West, 480 N. Resler Dr. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of W. Gordon Mahon Jr. please visit the Sunset Funeral Home Sympathy Store.

Ben Taber

March 17, 1927 - December 25, 2021

Dr. Ben-Zion Taber passed away at his home. He has not been playing bridge for quite some time, but we will not forget this truly gentle man.

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Dr. Ben-Zion Taber March 17, 1927 - December 25, 2021 Ben-Zion Taber, age 94, died at his home in El Paso on Saturday, Dec. 25, 2021. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Migdal Taber and his wonderful children and grandchildren: Joan (Keni Lorber) daughters Sarah and Miriam, Susan (Lee Weisz) and Dave (Laura Moll) sons Evan and Jeremy. He was born in Providence, R.I. and enlisted in the Navy when he turned 17. After service he returned to Brown University for his undergraduate degree and received his medical degree from Harvard Medical School in 1952. He was Board Certified and a Fellow in the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology and practiced Obstetrics and Gynecology in El Paso from 1958-1963. The family then moved to the east coast where Dr. Taber served as an expert on the newly discovered oral contraceptives for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The family moved again – to Palo Alto, California –where he accepted a position as Medical Director and Vice President of Syntex Corp. Ten years later he was appointed Clinical Associate Professor of OB/GYN at Stanford University Medical School and became the director of the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. In the 1980's he practiced OB/GYN privately in Los Gatos, CA. Dr. Taber was a prolific writer. He authored the classic “Manual of Gynecologic and Obstetrical Emergencies” – published by Saunders - in English, Spanish, Italian and Japanese editions. He also wrote “Proving New Drugs” (1969) based on his experience in the FDA which explained the long tedious process involved before new drugs could be safely released for use by the public. In addition to many scientific papers in medical journals, his second love – travel – resulted in numerous articles about medical history around the world. Dr. Taber and his wife, Ruth retired to El Paso in 1990. He said it was the best move he ever made! Graveside Service will be held on Thursday, December 30, 2021, at 2:30 PM at Ft. Bliss National Cemetery, with Navy Honors. Those who cannot attend in person may join the funeral and memorial services virtually on Face book Live at <https://www.facebook.com/sunsetfuneralhome/> (no account is needed). A special thanks to Ms. Lorena Lobera who helped Ruth care for Dr. Taber during the past year. Donations honoring Ben's life may be sent to www.templemountsinai.com Services entrusted to Sunset Funeral Home-West. The family of Dr. Ben-Zion Taber created this Life Tributes page to make it easy to share your memories.

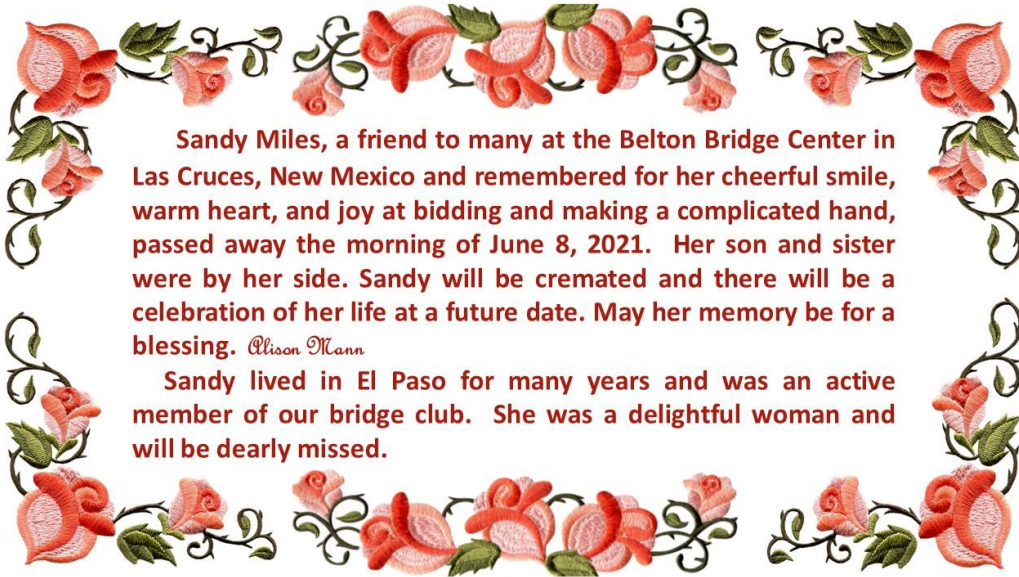
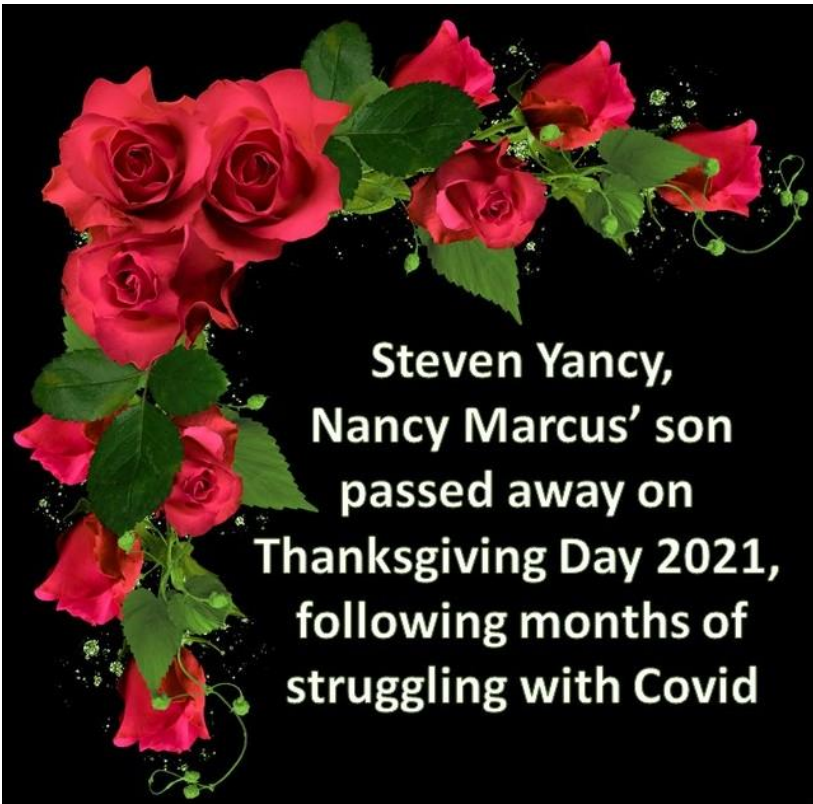


Marie Anne Texas Logan
who was an avid bridge player
for many years here at our bridge
center passed away at age 86 from
Alzheimer's Disease December 6th.
Services are being coordinated
by Sunset Funeral Home West.

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Marie Anne "Texas"
Logan Obituary: Marie
Anne Logan El Paso -
Marie Anne "Texas"
Logan, loving wife and
mother, passed away
peacefully at home in El
Paso, Texas from
Alzheimer's disease at
the age of 86 on
December 6, 2021.
Marie was born in
Malines, Belgium in
1935 to Armand and

Josephine De Smidt. She lived through the blitzkrieg of Belgium in 1940, and at the age of 7, was captured along with her mother and held in Montluc Prison in German-occupied France. While awaiting transport to Auschwitz, she and her mother escaped and made their way to Switzerland. In Switzerland, they were first aided by the Red Cross, and then a family friend until the end of the war. They were subsequently reunited in Belgium with her father, a Belgian artillery officer, who later attained the rank of three-star general. Marie met her true love and future husband, Robert "BJ" Logan, while attending college in Paris. He was stationed at NATO with the U.S. Air Force. One of the courtship stories Marie told was that her father, who was also stationed at NATO, decided he would need to have this American interloper investigated before there would be any marriage. After a thorough review, the General was unable to find any fault with BJ or his family, and so Marie and BJ were married in Fontainebleau, France, where they later had two daughters. After the family moved to the states, Marie intermittently pursued various avocations including newspaper advertising, real estate, and interior decorating. Marie never met a stranger and loved maintaining a beautiful home and cooking wonderful meals for her family and friends. Not one to stay idle, Marie engaged in many hobbies throughout her life, including taking up tennis in her 40s. Being quite competitive, she attained the No. 1 tennis ranking in the state in the 45-and-over bracket. She was also proud to have attained her Gold Life Master in bridge. Other hobbies she conquered with full force included tole painting, Scrabble, cross-stitching, and knitting. Her competitiveness was also wrought upon her children, whom she lovingly embarrassed by being vocally supportive of them at their various childhood competitions. Marie also wrangled her beloved BJ into some of her hobbies, including tennis, bridge, and Scrabble which they enjoyed together for many years. Marie is survived by her husband, Robert ("BJ"), and her daughters Catherine and Elizabeth. The family wishes to thank Marie's wonderful caretakers over the last several years: Cecilia Salinas, Maria Rodriguez, Yolanda Gonzalez, and Giselle Gonzalez. They not only provided outstanding care for Marie but were a source of great emotional support for the family. Posted online on December 06, 2021 Published in El Paso Times Sunset Funeral Home- West



Dorothy Murray

This lovely lady who was part of our bridge club for decades recently, at age 97, passed away in her sleep after contracting Covid. She had been living in Arizona. There is no obituary nor will there be any services.



Rose Black

June 14, 1931 - March 27, 2021

Our amazing friend passed away peacefully in her sleep March 27, 2021. She is and will continue to be greatly missed.

She was indomitable; she was indefatigable. She was eternally youthful. Her grown children sent their small and teenage children here summers to see if they could keep up with their grandmother. They couldn't. When we traveled together on the tournament circuit, she would travel with her pillow, extra blankets to cover the windows and blinders because she had to have absolute darkness to sleep well. Also, she traveled with her own bread and her own toaster because she would toast it at least twice; she said she liked it dark. I said she liked it burnt.

You know that shapely little body she was first at the reception or snack table every tournament no matter how far the bridge table was from the serving area. And she could "put it away." She was a "whirling dervish". At one point, perhaps the one and only regional in San Angelo, they served pimento cheese sandwiches; thereafter, Rose had a pimento cheese sandwich for lunch every workday till she retired.





Also, she would come home after a full workday and prepare a full course family meal not TV dinners. Like I said, she was a "whirling dervish". I'm sure we all have missed her candied carrots that she prepared for potlucks. Besides all that, she was a seamstress making her children's clothes and even her husband's suits!

Rose got up many mornings at 4:00 or 5:00 a.m. to help each of her kids with their respective paper delivery routes. As the saying goes "spare the rod and spoil the child." Rose had no spoiled children. I laughed then as I laugh now as I recall when Bob was being interviewed for law school he was asked what kind of support he could expect from his parents. His answer, "My parents give me moral support."

I could go on because I like remembering Rose even though it brings me to tears. But this one thing I know: Rose gets an A++ for a life well lived. Abba Father greeted her, "Well done my good and faithful servant," said the Master. "You have been faithful in managing small amounts I will put you in charge of large amounts. Come in and share my happiness." (Matthew 25:21). Jesus will say, "Come, you who are blessed by my father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world." (Matthew 25:34 CEV)

Love you forever, Barbara Harrid




Rose Black

June 14, 1931 – March 27, 2021

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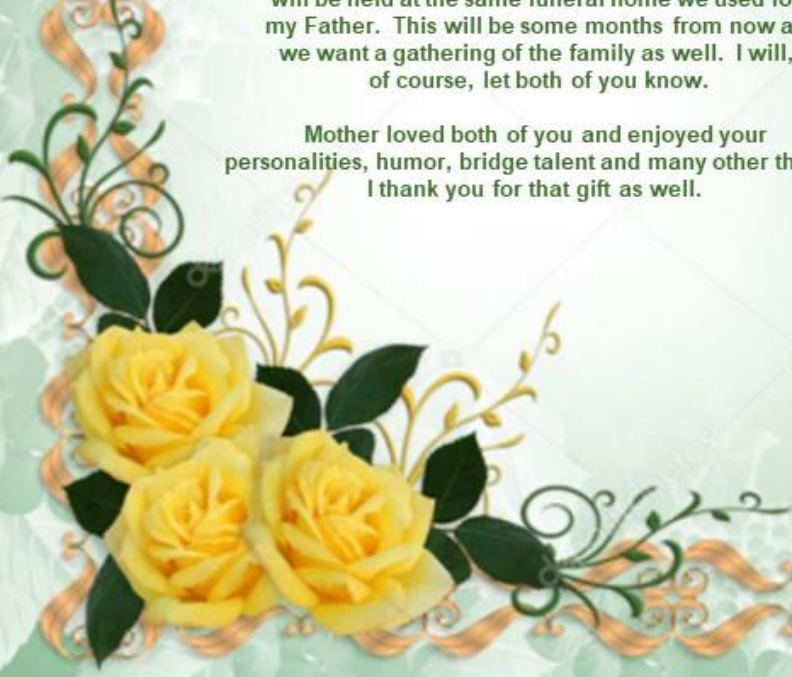
A note from Bob Black, Rose's son
To: Bob Esch and Roy Chase
March 27, 2021

Mother passed in her sleep overnight, we believe around 3:00 AM. She died peacefully.

She had a good day yesterday with visits from two great-grandchildren and two grandchildren. She was at home and in her own bed. I had the good fortune to talk with her last night although I must say she was more interested in the banana split she was eating than in talking much with me.

Mother wanted to be cremated and is being cremated in Garland. However, she will be buried where my father is in El Paso. We had previously made arrangements some time ago for all of this and a Memorial will be held at the same funeral home we used for my Father. This will be some months from now as we want a gathering of the family as well. I will, of course, let both of you know.

Mother loved both of you and enjoyed your personalities, humor, bridge talent and many other things. I thank you for that gift as well.





Rose Black's daughter, Kathy, urges all of us to circle October 8th and 9th for Rose's memorial service, tentatively set by her children to be at Fort Bliss. A luncheon will follow the next day. Please look for pictures of Rose and her friends for a presentation the funeral home will compile for the service. Send copies of your photos to pegariah@sbcglobal.net

Rose Marie Dupree Black El Paso - Rose Marie Dupree Black was born in Michigan, the daughter of Silas Dupree and Virginia Corrigan Dupree. She was raised and educated in the Detroit area. In the late 1940's, her family moved to Ocala, Florida. Rose accepted a job with Sears in Ocala and quickly found the accounting department. Given Rose's remarkable facility for mathematics, she always remained fond of her time in accounting. She enjoyed her years in Ocala because she helped her parents raise five energetic boys: Jim Dupree, Dick Dupree, Bill Dupree, Dan Dupree, and Mike Dupree. Although her parents and her brothers Dick and Dan predeceased her, Rose enjoyed their company all of her life. In Ocala, Rose also met Allen Harrison Black. In 1953, Rose and Harrison married. They were married over fifty years, until he passed in July, 2004. Their union produced five children: Bob Black (Gary Tucker), Larry Black (Elsie Black), Kathy Black Boyle (Mark Boyle), Nancy Day (Timothy Day), and Jerry Black (Irene Blancas Black). Rose and Harrison were believers in education and always encouraged their children to succeed. Aside from her family, Rose Black's great love was duplicate bridge. She was a formidable player and loved to compete. And compete she did. She became an Emerald Life Master, a ranking few achieve. She had long-time bridge partnerships with Bob Esch, Nancy Leolos, and Roy Chase. She played in many team events with them and with Peggy Craig and Barbara Harrid. When she retired from bridge a few years ago, she stood and thanked everyone for the many years of pleasure she had playing the game they all loved. She and her Mother, Virginia Dupree, were avid Scrabble players and engaged in epic duels over the years. Rose had a competitive streak! Rose Black also loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She presided over many a holiday gathering which featured a large meal and then a series of volleyball games in the backyard. These were endured by all the kids and grandkids. In later years, the volleyball games were replaced by dominoes. While Rose Black was always gracious, she also liked to win whether it was bridge, volleyball, or dominoes. Her seven grandchildren are: Gabby Hidalgo, Cory Black, Michael Black, Megan Coker, Lisa Newman, Danielle Simms, and Serena Papillon. She is also survived by seven great grandchildren: Jacob Hidalgo, Charlotte Simms, Juliet Papillon, Jane Papillon, Andrew Papillon, Ruth Coker, and Caleb Coker. She also had many nieces and nephews of which she was very fond. Rose Marie Black was a good natured, astute, and pragmatic person. She was also always fully accessorized. She was a great listener and was supportive. She was an immensely positive force in the lives of many, especially her loved ones. She passed away March 27, 2021. She was predeceased by her parents, her husband Allen Harrison Black, and brothers Dick Dupree and Dan Dupree. The funeral service for Rose Marie Black will be Friday, October 8, 2021 at 2:00pm and will take place at Fort Bliss National Cemetery. Arrangements are being coordinated by Hillcrest Funeral Home, 1060 N. Carolina, El Paso, Texas. The family will host a Memorial on Saturday, October 9, 2021 at the Courtyard Marriott, 6610 International Dr., (Edgemere and Airway), El Paso, Texas from 11:00am until 2:00pm. A light lunch with beverages will be available. Posted online on October 07, 2021




The obituary card features a decorative border with blue scrollwork and a central yellow Star of David. On the left is a portrait of John Lavis, a man with glasses wearing a suit and tie. To the right of the photo, the text reads: "John Lavis", "July 28, 1928 - January 18, 2021", and "This very gentle man and friend to all passed away peacefully after months of hospice care on January 18th at the age of 92. Our deepest condolences to our dear friend Gloria, John's loving wife for 67 years." Below the text is a link: "View his obituary by clicking this photo."

John R. Lavis John was born in Los Angeles, CA on July 28, 1928 and shortly thereafter moved to El Paso, where he remained a lifelong resident until his death. John was the son of Henry and Esther (Boxer) Lavis. Esther died when he was a small child and Henry remarried Jeanette Weiss, the beloved mother who raised him. He was predeceased by his father, step-mother and his brother, Eddie Lavis. He is survived by his wife, Gloria, his children, Dan (Ellen), Stella (Steven) and Jerry (Joan); grandsons, Eric, Matt, Elliot and Myles, sister Marlene Reynolds, niece Tera (Kerry), great niece Kezia, great nephew Jay Henry, nephew Sheldon (Nena), brother-in-law Michael Goldman (Vicky), nephew David (Kelly), niece Lisa (Wes), sister-in-law Deborah Hamlyn, nephew Geoffrey (Stephen), sister-in-law, Rachel Lavis, nephews Ben and Vincent. He also leaves behind many cherished cousins, friends and business colleagues. John attended Dudley Grade School, and El Paso High School, where he graduated as valedictorian. He attended Texas Western College (now UTEP), and Texas A&M University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering. After graduating John went to work for General Electric in the eastern United States. Additionally, he served in the United States Armed Forces for two years during the Korean War. When he returned to El Paso, he met and married Gloria Goldman, his best friend and lover for 67 years. In El Paso, John was employed by Herlin Engineering and Clay Bagwell prior to entering into partnership with Marvin Goldberg, General Contracting. In 1966 he started, John R. Lavis, General Contractor, with offices in Texas and New Mexico. Pride in his community was evident by the many churches, schools and civic buildings bearing his signature. John remained steadfast in his values, demonstrating honesty, decency and integrity in all his endeavors throughout his lengthy 40-year career. As a dedicated family man, he took great pleasure vacationing with his young children to the beaches of California as well as National Parks. This devotion continued as his family grew into adulthood and to include grandchildren. He valued learning, was an extensive reader and achieved Life Master in Bridge. He relished his travels with Gloria as they explored and learned about people and places all over the world. John was a long-time member of Temple Mt. Sinai, the local Association of General Building Contractors, and Unit 159 of the American Contract Bridge League and served as President of each of these organizations. The family wishes to thank Encompass Hospice, especially Elizabeth Becerra, Teresa Davila, Melissa Wisdom, Bernice Lara and Gabriella Amendola. Loving care in our home was provided by Cuca Villalpando, Lily de la O, Edith Gonzalez and Mary Saenz. There will be a virtual funeral service at Temple Mt. Sinai Cemetery Wednesday, January 20 at 3PM Meeting ID:842 4757 8841 Passcode: 79902 and a virtual Minyan service at

7PM. Meeting ID: 886 0743 5624. Passcode: 79902. Arrangements in care of Sunset Funeral Homes (West). Donations can be made to your favorite charity. Gloria and John




Frances S. Kahn
August 15, 1941-January 9, 2021
Frances passed away peacefully following a long battle with cancer. Many of us remember her brother, John Shanblum. Our deepest condolences to Stuart and family.
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Frances S. Kahn August 15, 1941 – January 09, 2021s. Kahn Frances S. Kahn passed away peacefully on January 9, 2021 at the age of 79 after a long battle with cancer. She was born on August 15, 1941 in Fort Worth, Texas to Ben A. Shanblum and Matilda Amstater Shanblum. She moved with her family to El Paso as a young teen when her father came to work for Popular Dry Goods. She attended Mesita School and El Paso High School, where she graduated salutatorian and was Football Queen, Military Queen and All EPHS Girl. Frances then attended Texas Western College where she was a cheerleader, editor of the annual, and a member of Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority. She majored in elementary education, graduating Cum Laude after three years. She married her high school sweetheart, Stuart W. Kahn, and followed him during his medical education and training all the while teaching at various school districts to support them. In 1971, they settled in El Paso where they raised a family and Stuart joined El Paso Pediatric Associates. While raising three children, Frances was very active socially and civically, and she taught elementary school for a total of 18 years. She is a past president of the Carlos Rivera and

Coronado High School Parent Teacher Associations. She is also a past president of the National Council of Jewish Women, an Executive Board Member of the Child Guidance Center, a board member of Temple Mt. Sinai and the El Paso Symphony Guild as well as a member of Junior League of El Paso, El Dedon Garden Club, and UTEP Womens' Auxiliary. She was proud to be a life member of Temple Mt. Sinai, where she taught Sunday school. She always enjoyed drawing and painting, knitting, gardening, tennis, golf and especially playing cards with friends and dinners with her El Paso High classmates. Frances was a devoted wife to her husband of 58 years, and her greatest joy was being a mother to three daughters and a grandmother to eight grandchildren. She was known for her warm and gracious personality and was a caretaker, confidant, and friend to so many. Frances was as beautiful on the inside as she was on the outside. To know her was to love her, and she will forever be in our hearts. She is preceded in death by her parents and her brother John H. Shanblum. She is survived by her daughters Susan Kahn Spier (Scott), Amy Kahn Gitterman (Daniel), and Elisa Kahn and her grandchildren Jack, Kyle, and Ryan Spier, Max and Claire Gitterman, Jacob and Emily Zenner, and Julia Lerer. A very special thank you to all family and friends who helped in her final days, with special thanks to Dr. Jesus Gomez, Dr. Branch Craige, Envision Hospice, and all caregivers. An immediate family graveside service will be held on Monday, January 11, 2021. Memorial donations may be made to Temple Mt. Sinai Rabbi's Discretionary Fund or a children's charity of your choice. To Plant Memorial Trees in memory, please visit our Sympathy Store.