



Elfriede Guthrie

January 21, 1933 - January 27, 2022

Elfriede Guthrie, age 89, passed away peacefully on January 27, 2022.

The daughter of Theodor and Anna Basler, she was born in Offenberg, Germany on January 21, 1933. She was the oldest of her siblings, Helga, Theo, Bruno, and Anita. She is survived by her daughter Mary Lou Berndt and her husband Gary; her granddaughter Nicki Baker and her husband Rory; her great-granddaughter Ava Baker; and nieces, nephews, and cousins. She is preceded in death by her husband of 28 years, Ronald Guthrie, her grandson Andrew Berndt, siblings Helga and Theo. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and home-maker.

Elfriede met her husband Ronald when he was stationed in Germany with the US Army. She came to the United States in 1956 and lived in many different states, as well as in Europe, throughout her husband's long military career. In 1970, Elfriede and Ronald retired to Huntsville, Texas; Elfriede would proudly call Huntsville her home for the rest of her life.

Elfriede had an adventurous heart, and spent her last four decades traveling America and Canada. She drove to Michigan to visit family, and back to Texas alone many times, the last time at 87 years young. Dancing was her passion. She usually could be found two stepping six nights a week with her companion Olin Holt.

Elfriede truly cared about people, as her many friends know. She loved hearing people's stories, and engaged with everyone she met. Her spirit of optimism, caring, and kindness leave a blessed memory in the hearts of family, neighbors, and friends.

Elfriede was much loved, and will truly be missed by family and friends. In a last conversation with her granddaughter, she smiled and said "I have lived the American Dream."

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Rita B. Huff Humane Society of Walker County at <http://rbhhumanesociety.org>.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, February 7, 2022 at 11:00 am at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, TX. Interment will be private.

Memorial condolences may be made to the family at www.shmfh.com .

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr
Huntsville

Tribute Wall



“ *Elfriede Guthrie*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *So many good memories of Elfriede. She was my Mom's Avon rep and our family friend for decades. Would speak German with my Dad. I was lucky enough to be her townhouse neighbor and she would bring us wine & her homemade German cookies for Christmas every year. Always dressed well with a smile on her face. Elfriede, you are missed. May you RIP, our friend. Regina Ernst Guthrie*



Regina Guthrie - March 11, 2022 at 12:14 PM



“ *I remember Elfriede fondly from the Senior Center of Walker County. She and my husband shared stories about Germany and she was a good friend to my mom JoAnn. We are so sorry or your loss and will pray for your family.*

Susan and Wolfgang Retzlaff - February 05, 2022 at 03:07 PM

LK

“ *Efriede.. I will always remember you as the most gracious person. I will never forget the first time we met at Texan Cafe when you and my dad, Olin, walked hand-in-hand to the car on your way to a dance. Anyone watching would have thought you and dad had been married and together for years, not weeks. You and dad had such a special bond right from the beginning...You made all the difference for my dad and I know he cherished his time with you as we all did. You were an "honorary stepmom" to all of us Texas girls and we loved you. You will live forever in our hearts and I will think of you every time I see yellow roses, or strudel pastries or have a glass of sweet red wine...I know you are in heaven, looking down on us with your big smile and your lively laugh. Blessings forever until we all meet again in heaven. Love Linda Koffel*

Linda Koffel - February 04, 2022 at 03:12 PM

LK

Just to be more clear, Olin and Elfriede did not marry, but they were so close and had such a bond, that everyone always thought they should be married and they made such a great couple. They both loved their independence but also loved sharing their lives with each other. Elfriede was such a joy to be around and everyone always had fun when they spent time with her. Linda Koffel

Linda Koffel - February 04, 2022 at 03:20 PM

LF

“ *Linda Koffel, Clint Spencer and family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Elfriede Guthrie.*



Linda Koffel, Clint Spencer and family - February 04, 2022 at 02:57 PM

NB

“ Nicki and Rory Baker purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Elfriede Guthrie.



Nicki and Rory Baker - February 04, 2022 at 12:10 PM

TF

“ The Haas & Predinchuk families purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Elfriede Guthrie.



The Haas & Predinchuk families - February 02, 2022 at 10:53 PM

MH

“ M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Elfriede Guthrie



M. Hyvl - January 31, 2022 at 11:22 AM

DM

“ Elfriede was a beautiful lady. She will be missed.
Our thoughts and prayers for the family.



Dan & Carolyn Madole - January 29, 2022 at 05:05 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Aya Lou - January 29, 2022 at 01:59 PM

TR

You will be missed sweet lady, you are the reason my grandfather “pop” lived a long, fun life. Rest In Peace sweet lady. ~ Tamra

Tamra Ringo - February 06, 2022 at 06:16 PM



“ You are missed Mom. Rest in Peace



Aya Lou - January 29, 2022 at 01:43 PM