



## Helen Caroline Gerbasi

September 8, 1921 - December 18, 2013

Helen Caroline Vyse Gerbasi Helen Caroline Vyse Gerbasi of New Waverly, Texas passed away at the home of her daughter in Coldspring, Texas on Sunday, December 15, 2013. She was 92 years old. She was born September 8, 1921 in Cleveland, Ohio to William and Helen Vyse. Helen grew up in Cleveland, Ohio. She moved to New Waverly, Texas in August 1974. Shortly after moving to New Waverly, Helen took a job at Rice Foods in Spring, Texas as a receiving clerk. At the young age of 68 she took a job with the U.S. Forest Service through the SCSEP program. A job that was supposed to be short lived turned into 17 years of joy for Helen. Helen loved the Forest Service. She retired from her front desk duties at the Forest Service at 85 years of age but still volunteered at the "Trash Bash" every year after that. Helen's family and pets were the loves of her life. No matter the occasion "Grandma" brought the family together. She enjoyed rounding everyone up and planning their part. "Grandma" loved to see her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. "Grandma" loved her birds, her cats, and especially her Pomeranian dogs "Poppy", "Rascal", "Sandyman" and "Misty". She loved her "granddog" Pooh Bear. The raccoons, opossums, squirrels, deer, and wild birds will miss her feeding them. Helen was preceded in death by her parents, William and Helen Vyse, her brothers, William and Henry Vyse, her husband, Anthony Gerbasi, her sons, Randolph Garling and Robert Garling and great-granddaughter Bri' Garling. Helen is survived by her children: son William Garling of Conroe, Texas, daughter Loraine Stiner and husband Thomas of

Montgomery, Texas, son Russell Gerbasi of New Waverly, Texas, daughter Rochelle Allen and husband James of Coldspring; daughter-in-law Debbie Garling of Willis, Texas; her grandsons, Randall Stiner and wife Amy of Navasota, Texas, Rob Garling of Splendora, Texas, and William Garling and wife Marlene of Willis, Texas; granddaughters, Veronica Shortt and husband Chris of Pipe Creek, Texas, Aurora Garling of Houston, Texas, Kristen Blanks and husband Tommy of trinity, Texas, Brooke Stiner of Pipe Creek, Texas, Ashlee Garling, of Willis, Texas and Chance Garling of Willis, Texas ; great-grandson, Gabriel Stiner Acklin, Gauge Stiner, Thomas Stiner, Isaiah Shortt, and Alan Blanks; great-granddaughters, Paige Stiner, Victoria Stiner Acklin, Brenae Swafford, Alyssa Smith, Shannon Blanks, Lexia Blanks, Aaliyah Reece, Dilana Garling, Willow Garling and Ariel Reece; and special second family members Opal and James Bloodworth. "Grandma" did it her way. She said "Let somebody know that they matter." Family will receive friends Wednesday, December 18, 2013 from 1:00-2:00 p.m., with the funeral service to follow at 2:00 p.m. at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 Normal Park Drive, Huntsville, Texas 77340. Interment will follow in Adickes Addition of Oakwood Cemetery, Huntsville. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Caroline Gerbasi*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Shelly and James, We are so sorry to hear about Helen. May God give you strength as you mourn and bring you peace and comfort with all the cherished memories you shared. We know she will live in the hearts of everyone that loved and cared for her.*

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**Charlie & Joyce Sontag** - December 17, 2013 at 11:32 PM



“ *Shelly and James-My heart goes out to you. Ms. Helen was energized through your love and efforts. Will always remember the pictures of her with Smokey and at the Trash Bash. She lives in her children and everything she touched. My prayers are with you.*  
*Chip*

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**Chip Ernst** - December 17, 2013 at 11:16 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about Ms. Gerbasi passing. The worlds lost one of its brightest stars. Certainly will miss her.*

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**Dr. Basil Long** - December 17, 2013 at 11:03 AM

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“ Although I knew her as Aunt Helen, she was the only Grandma I ever knew. Both of my grandmothers passed before I came along. At Shelly's wedding I saw her and spent a couple of days with her and the family. I am so glad I came to Texas for that event. Her love of animals shows how big her heart was and how she gave more than she took. I will always miss my dear Aunt Helen.

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**terry staycer** - December 17, 2013 at 12:19 AM

SJ

“ Shelly, I know this is such a tough time. Your Mom was a great person. I remember teaching her to use the computer. Such a jewel. In the times of great pain, talk to her and she will answer you from above. Praying for yall. Love ya. Sid

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**Shelly & James** - December 16, 2013 at 08:35 PM

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“ Praying for comfort and peace for your entire family.

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**Belinda Yount** - December 16, 2013 at 05:43 PM

RL

“ Shelly & James,  
I am so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Gerbasi was definitely one of a kind. It will be strange not to hear that raspy voice on the other line when I answer the office phone. She always had to call and hunt down Shelly when she didn't answer her cell phone. She always had to keep everyone in line, including me. Mrs. Gerbasi was a tough woman. She seen a lot in her lifetime. I know she was extremely grateful for everything that y'all did for her. She got to go many places and see many things because of y'all. Hold those memories close and be thankful that she lived such a long life. My family and I will be praying for comfort and peace in the days ahead. Take care.

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**Rhiannon LeGeune** - December 16, 2013 at 03:20 PM

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“ Shelly and James, I am so sorry for your loss but you will have no regrets because you made her life so much better. No two people could have spent more time with her. The memories will bring you Peace. Love you guys.

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**Bobbie** - December 16, 2013 at 03:02 PM

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“ Ms. Gerbasi was an amazing person. She brought joy everywhere she went. She will be missed tremendously. You all are in our prayers.

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**Lacy Austin** - December 16, 2013 at 02:23 PM