

AFTERGLOW
I'D LIKE THE MEMORY OF ME
TO BE A HAPPY ONE

I'D LIKE TO LEAVE AN AFTERGLOW
OF SMILES WHEN LIFE IS DONE

I'D LIKE TO LEAVE AN ECHO WHISPERING
SOFTLY DOWN THE WAYS

OF HAPPY TIMES AND LAUGHING TIMES
AND BRIGHT AND SUNNY DAYS

I'D LIKE THE TEARS OF THOSE WHO GRIEVE,
TO DRY BEFORE THE SUN

OF HAPPY MEMORIES THAT I LEAVE,
WHEN LIFE IS DONE.



Services In Care Of

LOWE-GARDNER FUNERALS & CREMATIONS
QUITMAN, TEXAS

*In Loving
Memory*



SUSAN GALLAHER MERRITT
SEPTEMBER 17, 1933 - JANUARY 20, 2023

Obituary

SUSAN GALLAHER MERRITT, AGE 89, A LONG LIFETIME RESIDENT OF QUITMAN, PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY SURROUNDED BY HER FAMILY ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2023.

SUSAN WAS BORN ON SEPTEMBER 17, 1933, IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI TO THE LATE JOHN HENDERSON GALLAHER III AND ELISE HAREN GALLAHER. SUSAN MARRIED THE LOVE OF HER LIFE, DR. BEN MERRITT AND TOGETHER THEY WELCOMED FOUR CHILDREN: DAVID, JULIE, SCOTT, AND TODD.

THE MERRITT'S LIVED IN QUITMAN FOR 50 YEARS. WHILE LIVING IN QUITMAN, SUSAN WAS INVOLVED IN MANY ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING THE GARDEN CLUB, THE HOSPITAL BOARD WHERE SHE PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN BRINGING ETMC TO QUITMAN, THE BRIDGE CLUB, AND QUITMAN CEMETERY ASSOCIATION. SUSAN WAS A HOMEMAKER AND LOVED TRAVELING WITH HER BELOVED FAMILY. SHE WAS ALSO A SCUBA DIVER AND WAS VERY ADVENTUROUS. SUSAN LOVED TO DO NEEDLEWORK, HAD A PASSION FOR COOKING, AND WAS EXCELLENT IN THE KITCHEN! SHE WAS ADMIRERD AND LOVED BY HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS, AND SHE LOVED THEM DEARLY AS WELL.

SUSAN IS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER BELOVED HUSBAND, DR. BEN MERRITT; BOTH PARENTS, JOHN AND ELISE GALLAHER; HER DAUGHTER, MOLLY MERRITT; AND HER BROTHER, JOHN H. GALLAHER IV.

LEFT TO CHERISH HER MEMORY ARE HER FOUR CHILDREN, DAVID MERRITT AND WIFE LESLIE OF FT. WORTH, JULIE YOUNG AND HUSBAND WAYNE OF HAWKINS, SCOTT MERRITT OF QUITMAN, AND TODD MERRITT AND WIFE NATALIE OF HURST; HER GRANDCHILDREN, KELLY AND HUSBAND MATT, KIMBERLY AND HUSBAND BRIAN, MERRITT YOUNG, BEN MERRITT, SAM MERRITT, AND JAKE MERRITT; HER TWO GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, AVERY AND BRYCE; AND EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS AND MANY FRIENDS.

In Memory Of

SUSAN MERRITT

Date Of Birth

SEPTEMBER 17, 1933

Entered Into Rest

JANUARY 20, 2023

Funeral Services

11:00 AM, MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2023

LOWE-GARDNER FUNERALS & CREMATIONS

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Officiating

PATTI HANSEN

Musical Selections

SUNG BY: JOHNNIE PATTON

Interment

QUITMAN CITY CEMETERY

QUITMAN, TEXAS