



After a short illness, Thelma Joyce "MeMe" Garrett peacefully passed from this life and ran straight into the sram of her sweet Jesus on Monday, November 19 at 12:43pm.

Joyce was born at home on August 31, 1935 in San Antonio, Texas to James Evans Henry and Willie Iris (Jones) Henry. She lived her whole life in San Antonio. Joyce graduated from Luther Burbank High School in 1953. She was in the pep squad and became involved in the work-study program. She went to school half day and worked at National Bank of Commerce half day before her graduation and continued working full time after graduation.

Also during her years at Burbank, she met the big man on campus, Eugene Michiel (Mike) Garrett, who became the love of her life. On September 15, 1956, Mike and Joyce were married at First Christian Church in San Antonio. They enjoyed a honeymoon in Mexico City, Mexico. Their first home, a gift from Mike's father, was located at 1149 Jennings Avenue, where they lived for 12 years. During the years on Jennings, the Lord blessed Joyce and Mike with 2 children, Karen Garrett Lira and Eugene Keith Garrett. As family, especially her children, were always her priority, Joyce became a stay at home mom, who was always there for Karen and Keith and was very involved in every aspect of their lives. She was always room mother, teacher's helper, went on every field trip and was very involved in the PTA, many years as president. Joyce was a very good housekeeper and an excellent cook, who enjoyed feeding and serving others. She had the gift of hospitality and a servant's heart.

In 1968, the Garrett family moved to Dellcrest on the southeast side of San Antonio and never moved again. Joyce began working for the San Antonio Junior Forum, preparing meals for senior citizens at the Commanders House on South Main St. HEB eventually took over the meal program at the Commanders House and Joyce continued to work as an employee of HEB. HEB recognized her for her loyal, dedicated 20 years of service. Joyce

retired in 2005 and enjoyed retired life with Mike. In 2006, to celebrate their 50th anniversary, they took a cruise to Alaska, their trip of a lifetime.

Anyone who crossed her path, knew that Joyce's passion in life was her very close relationship with Jesus. She spoke His name to everyone she came in contact with, whether she knew them or not. She truly knew the joy of the Lord was her strength. She loved going to her church, Alamo Church. She especially love her Sunday school class and was blessed by the teaching of Mike Watts. She served faithfully in many areas, like Support Saturday for those in need and the children's ministry ar Alamo City. Her greatest heart's desire was to be in church every time the doors were open. The last few years she frequently said, "Don't you cry when I die cause I KNOW where I'm going". Her greatest desire was to be in Heaven with Jesus and we know, without a doubt, she is strong and stable and whole and safe in the arms of Jesus and we KNOW will definitely see her again! Joyce is preceded in death by her father and mother, sister, Nancy Hallett, James Henry. She is survived by her loving husband of 62 years, Mike Garrett, daughter, Karen Garrett Lira, and son and wife, Keith and Karen Garrett. The true joys of her life were her three grandchildren, her "little loves", Lindsey Rejoice Lira, Kelsey Kaye Lira and Caleb Eugene Garrett. Also, Sister, Gwen Marks Abate, Brother and wife, Larry and Melissa Henry. Jim Lira held a very special place in Joyce's heart, sister in law, Pat Garrett May. There are also numerous nieces and nephews and special friends she loved dearly. A celebration of Joyce's life will be held on Friday, November 30, with visitation from 11-12, before the service, which will be from 12-1:30 in the sanctuary of Alamo City Church, 6500 IH 35N, San Antonio, TX 78218. Burial will be on Monday, December 3 at 1:45 at Fort Sam National Cemetery.