



Dorothy A. Larson

December 22, 1935 – January 18, 2021

Dorothy A. Larson, also lovingly known as Darlene, went home to the Lord on January 18, 2021. Dorothy was born to Demoville and Irma Gardner on December 22, 1935. She grew up in San Antonio with her five brothers and sisters.

Dorothy excelled in school and had a natural talent for music. A child prodigy, she began playing her grandmother's baby grand piano at the tender age of four. In high school, she played the drums in the Thomas Edison Marching Band and even played a few private events with a local country and western band. Shortly after high school graduation, Dorothy married Gerald E. Larson, who was in the Air Force. They travelled the world together, building a family of five children.

Dorothy is preceded in death by her father, Demoville Gardner, her mother, Irma (Dellerman) Gardner, her husband, Gerald Larson, and her grandson, Jeremy Ryan Haseloff. She is survived by her five children, Deborah Lom, Cynthia Arnold, Rhonda O'cana, Gerald Larson, Jr., and James Larson, as well as thirteen grandchildren, ten great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

What Dorothy loved most in life was being a mother, especially the years when her children were babies. She would often reminisce about those years of being a stay-at-home mom, where she used her gifts for homemaking, childcare, gardening, sewing and playing piano to create a warm environment for her family of seven. "Down home" piano music often filled the tidy home where there was always plenty of activity with delicious home-cooked meals, a landscaped yard and vegetable gardens. Although money was often tight, Dorothy found ways to provide the family with healthy meals and she would often sew clothing for the children.

As life brought about the changes that come with children growing up, Dorothy was employed for several years in retail and later ran a childcare center in her home. She loved being a grandmother and enjoyed the special relationships that come with grandchildren.

Whether you call her Momma, Dorothy, Darlene, or Grandma, her dazzling smile and witty disposition will be dearly missed. We welcome family and friends for a graveside service on Friday, January 29, 2021 at 2pm at Holy Cross Cemetery, 17501 Nacogdoches Rd. Social distancing will be observed as a precautionary measure due to the pandemic.

