

Paula Ella Tatsch Buley

August 14, 1936 - July 9, 2018



Paula Ella Tatsch Buley passed away peacefully in her sleep on Monday, July 9, 2018, at the age of 81.

Lovingly known as "Poodle" and "Oma" to her many friends and family, she lived a full life and enjoyed many blessings. She is surely dancing with Jesus in Heaven today.

Paula was born in Cain City, Texas, on Aug. 14, 1936. Her father owned a dance hall, and as a young girl she played piano (by ear!) in her uncle's band from the age of 12. In 1954, she graduated from Fredericksburg High School and moved to San Antonio to attend business school where she learned to be the best executive secretary the Civil Service has ever seen.

While working for the Civil Service at Ft. Sam Houston in San Antonio she met the love of her life, Roger Buley, and they were married on Dec. 15, 1962, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Fredericksburg, Texas. Together they raised a beautiful family and made many lifelong friends in Germany, California, South Carolina, Washington, and Texas during their years in the Air Force.

After Roger's retirement from the Air Force, they settled in San Antonio where Paula returned to work for the Civil Service while continuing to volunteer extensively at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church and School, Ursuline Academy, and Antonian College Preparatory. From Room Mother duties to bake sales, school carnivals, wrapping paper stands and chocolate bar fundraisers, she devoted countless hours supporting her children's many school and extracurricular activities.

Paula was very active with the Altar Society at St. Gregory's, and she and Roger enjoyed their time with family and friends as members of the Fredericksburg Reunion Club, Grapetown Shooting Club, Hermann Sons and the San Antonio Angler's Club. They loved to dance (boy, could they dance!) and were known to clear the floor when they started to jitterbug.

Paula was a devout Catholic, a devoted wife and mother, a great cook, and an avid Spurs fan. She was generous to a fault, had a heart of gold and loved to laugh. Among her many talents, she could type 100 words a minute on a manual typewriter without a single error, which she did many times for her children during their high school days.

Paula was famous for her mandarin orange cake and her macaroni salad. Family gatherings at her house were known to last well into the night with great food and hours of singing and dancing in the living room while she played piano. It was these celebrations that brought her the most joy. Above all else, she was tremendously proud of her children and grandchildren.

She will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 55 years, Roger Buley; by her children, Mark and wife, Rena (Sardo); Kenneth and wife, Kamari (Hunt); Chris and wife, Carrie (Copeland); and Karen and husband, Shane Arnwine; by her nine grandchildren, Stephen, Austin, Thomas, Adam, Jason, Spencer, Catherine, Abigail, and Marilyn; and by her brother and sister-in-law, Elgin and Geneva Tatsch. She will also be fondly remembered by numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edgar and Olga Tatsch; her sister and brother-in-law, Dorothea and F.O. Meier; and her brother and sister-in-law, Henry and Vernell Tatsch.

Visitation was held Wednesday, July 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, 3401 Cherry Ridge Drive, San Antonio, TX 78230.

Recitation of the Holy Rosary took place at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 12, immediately followed by a celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church, 700 Dewhurst, San Antonio, Texas 78213.

Memorial contributions may be made to
The Presentation Sisters, 8931 Callaghan Road,
San Antonio, Texas 78230.