



Gertrude Vivian Ramsey

June 2, 1926 - October 14, 2015

Gertrude Vivian Ramsey, age 89, went to be with her Lord on October 14, 2015. She was born to Victor and Jenny Damstrom on June 2, 1926, in Olivia, Texas. She married Wallace Kalke in 1946. Wallie was originally from Stevens Point, Wisconsin, and met Gertrude during his military tour of duty in Texas during World War II.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her first husband, Wallace Kalke, her second husband, Eugene Ramsey, her sister, Mildred Roemer Miller (Phil), and her brother, Vernon Damstrom (Rose). Survivors are her son, Rick Kalke (Debby) of Port Aransas, daughters, Linda Marshall (Lanny) of Port Lavaca, and Susan Rod (Tim) of El Campo. In addition, she is survived by grandchildren Jon Marshall (Kassi), Lana Marshall, Christopher Kalke (Jennifer), Lauren Broyles (Russell), Cody Ehler (Jessica), and Jake Rod, great-grandchildren Logan and Austin Marshall, Lily and Finn Kalke, and Chloe Broyles and a niece, Deborah Damstrom Scevers (Casey), as well as numerous nieces and nephews in Wisconsin and California.

Gertrude was a homemaker much of her life. She was employed in the Calhoun County Independent School District in Port Lavaca for fifteen years as a school secretary. She was employed by the El Campo Independent School District for nine years as a library assistant until her retirement in 1995. She also volunteered in church activities. As a cancer survivor, she volunteered with the Reach To Recovery program for the American Cancer Society for over thirty years.

Gertrude had a zest for life. She loved art and shared her paintings with family and friends. Gardening was another pleasure she enjoyed. She loved spending time on her computer with friends she had made on the internet. Square dancing was another enjoyment of Gertrude's. In fact, she even traveled to Sweden to a World Wide Square Dance Convention where she got to meet some of her relatives who lived in Sweden

Gertrude felt privileged to have been born into a Christian family. She attended Eden Lutheran Church in Olivia for much of her life. Her grandfather Damstrom was once the pastor of the church in Olivia. She was currently a member of Christ Lutheran Church In El Campo, where her service will be held at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, October 17, 2015. A visitation/luncheon will be held in the church fellowship hall following the funeral service. A private graveside service for family will be held at the Olivia Cemetery at 3:00 that afternoon.

Pallbearers will be Jon Marshall, Christopher Kalke, Cody Ehler, Jake Rod, Russell Broyles, and Chris Torres.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Triska Funeral Home in El Campo, Texas, where viewing will take place from 2:00 until 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 16.

Memorials may be made to Christ Lutheran Church building fund, the American Cancer Society or the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 16. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Triska Funeral Home
612 Merchant Street
El Campo, TX 77437-3440
(979) 543-3681
triskafh@sbcglobal.net

Funeral Service

OCT 17. 11:30 AM (CT)

Christ Lutheran Church
1401 Ave I
El Campo, TX 77437

Burial

OCT 17. 3:00 PM (CT)

Olivia Cemetery
Olivia, TX

Tribute Wall

KA

“ *Kari lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Vivian Ramsey*



kari - November 11, 2015 at 07:53 PM

KA

*Sorry to her to passed
Gertrude will be missed at wincrest*

kari - November 11, 2015 at 07:56 PM

SB

“ *Your mom was a wonderful lady.....seems like yesterday we were running around Port Lavaca, TX, without a worry in the world. I still think of the California visit from y'all...we had so much fun. Love you all and am sorry for your loss. Many thoughts and prayers for all of you.*

*Suzanne (Toney) Blanton
Summerville, SC*

Suzanne Blanton - October 19, 2015 at 12:37 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gertrude Vivian Ramsey.*



October 16, 2015 at 01:54 PM

BJ

“ I was Trudy's neighbor for several years before she moved to Meridian. Also was her E-mail friend. She was a good neighbor and friend and a wonderful Christian lady. I loved Trudy very much. She said many prayers for my ill son.

Barbara Juneke - October 15, 2015 at 07:34 PM

SP

“ I had the priviledge of working with Mrs. Ramsey when she was at the library at ECHS. There couldn't have been a more sweet, gentle lady! I just loved her.

Sherry Pietsch - October 15, 2015 at 03:33 PM

CS

Gert was a wonderful friend to my mother and our family. She was always happy and positive. I enjoyed her friendship. Sorry for the family left behind she will be missed. Connie Stavinoha

connie Stavinoha - October 15, 2015 at 08:25 PM



Sorry to hear
I loved talking to her at Wincrest

Kari Peikert - October 18, 2015 at 10:50 PM