



Glenda Gay Botkin

July 13, 1945 - November 4, 2023

Glenda Gay Shonka Botkin, 78, of Caldwell, Texas went to be with our Lord and Savior on Saturday, November 4, 2023 at her home. A celebration of life will be held in her honor on Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in the chapel at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Caldwell.

Glenda was born on July 13, 1945 to George Francis and Erna Marie (Graefe) Shonka in Bryan, Texas. She was the oldest of four siblings. Glenda met her future spouse Don Botkin in Caldwell, Texas and they were married on March 16, 1963 at Holy Name Catholic Church in San Antonio, Texas. It was there that they began their life together. To this union came three beautiful children; Linda, Carl and Joey.

Glenda was a hard worker entire life. She was most proud of her job with Colonial Cake Company in San Antonio. She began working there as a baker's helper on November 9, 1987 and advanced to a more responsible job as an icing hopper operator in the cake department. Glenda loved her job so much, that she would tell everyone who would listen about it and the love she held for the company. She had to leave her job on August 26, 1993, as she and her husband relocated to Caldwell "the country" on the Botkin family farm where she and Don built their home from the ground up.

Glenda lovingly cared for her mother-in-law, Mary Botkin until 1997 when she lost the love of her life. She was a very active, funny and hard-working lady,

loved by many. After her beloved husband Don passed away, Glenda built yet another home, with her own two hands. She loved woodwork and rustic furniture so it was no surprise that she built much of her own furniture, not only for herself, but also for her family and friends. Glenda worked for Brenham State School and Brookshire Brothers in the deli. When she finally retired, she was working at St. Joseph in the kitchen.

Glenda never met a stranger, but she also loved spending time at home with her dogs, watching westerns and tinkering around outside watering her trees or flowers. She loved, and was very proud of her grandchildren. Glenda will always be loved dearly and missed by all who had the joy of meeting her, but most of all by her family and her “pooches” Magnum, Butchie, Cutie and Honey.

Glenda is preceded in death by her husband of 34 years, Don Edward Botkin; parents, George Francis and Erna Marie (Graefe) Shonka, her two brothers, nephew Shane Shonka and daughter-in-law Helen Botkin.

She is survived by her three children, Linda and her husband Paul Thornton, Carl Botkin and Joey Botkin and his wife Amanda; six grandchildren, Derek Buckley and his wife Alexandria, Blair Buckley, Joshua Botkin and his girlfriend Rosie Vargas, Donald Botkin, Colby Botkin and Hailey Botkin; two great grandchildren, Charlotte and Bonnie Buckley as well as her sisters Judy and Emie Schultz, Bertha Gold and her fiancée Ben Schatte. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Heart Association in Glenda’s Memory or the American Cancer Society in memory of her daughter-in-law, Helen Botkin.

Express condolences at PhillipsandLuckey.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home
404 W Buck St.
Caldwell, TX 77836

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Glenda Gay Botkin*



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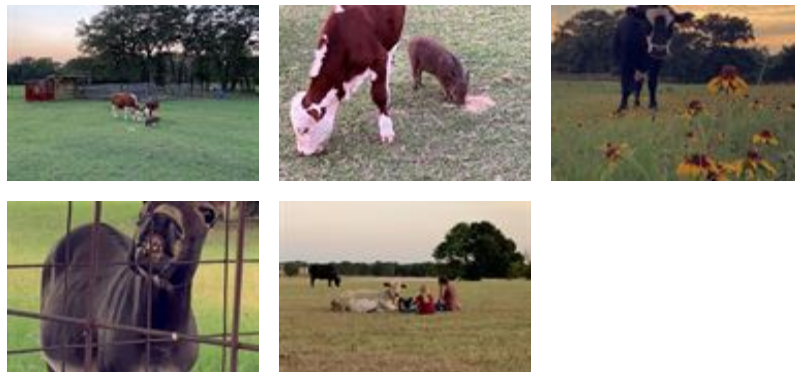
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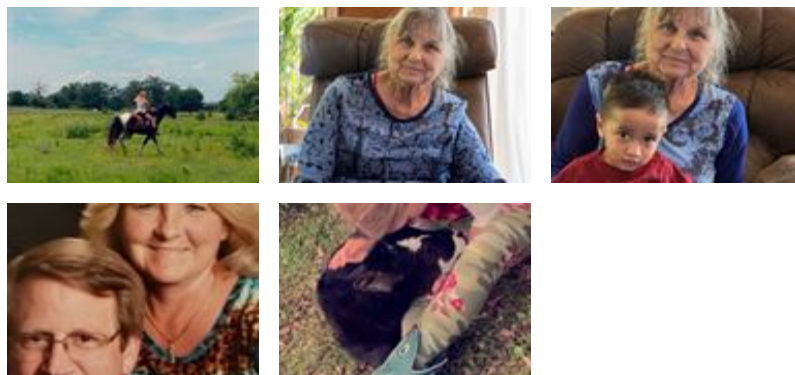
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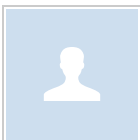
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“ *Pink Tribute Spray* was purchased for the family of *Glenda Gay Botkin*.



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“ *Henry & Kerry Ondrasek lit a candle in
memory of Glenda Gay Botkin*



Henry & Kerry Ondrasek - November 07, 2023 at 11:01 AM