



## Katherine E. McMillan

April 14, 1921 - December 2, 2019

It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of my mother, Katherine E. McMillan. She lived a long life of ninety-eight years, full of love and devotion to others. Katherine was born in 1921 and came of age during the Great Depression. She lost her father at an early age and her mother in her twenties. Katherine left high school to help support her mother and brothers. She eventually received her GED in 1976. In the 1950s, Katherine left her home in Granite City, Illinois and moved to Texas, completely on her own. An adventurous act for a young woman in those days.

In Texas, she met her future husband, Vertis M. McMillan. They were married in 1954 and had their only child, Conrad McMillan in 1960. Diagnosed with cancer in the late 1960s Vertis M. McMillan was unable to continue working. Katherine worked numerous jobs to support her family and care for her ailing husband until his death in 1975.

Katherine had many adventures in her life. Among them was serving overseas as the manager of an NCO club in the Sinai Peninsula in the early 1980s. She loved the Middle East and, while there, spent many days off traveling in Israel and Egypt. As a founding member of the Humane Society in Garland, Texas, she cared deeply for animals and devoted much of her time and energy to rescuing stray and abandoned dogs and cats. Among her many activities were Cub Scout leader, foreign exchange student host, entrepreneur, and

church volunteer.

Katherine eventually moved to New York to be close to her son, his wife, and their two children. Katherine worked full time until the age of eighty-five and drove until the age of ninety, after which she used a customized electric scooter to traverse the town of Peekskill, New York and the not-so-near shopping mall. She had a remarkable ability to navigate and could tell you every street name and turn to take when providing directions.

She also had an uncanny ability to remember people's names and details about their lives. She had many close and dear friends throughout her life, the vast majority of which she outlived. She grieved deeply at the loss of all those who passed before her, most especially her two brothers Conrad and Les Bauer. Her life was full of fun and mischief, encouraged and suffered through by her friends and family. Up until the very end, she happily enjoyed a good story, a taste of beer, and a good meal at every opportunity.

Her son Conrad McMillan, daughter-in-law Jocy and her two beloved grandchildren Vertis and Gabrielle survive her.

Katherine loved everyone and everyone loved "Miss Katie".

Services will be Saturday, December 14th, at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale, Texas. Visitation from 10:00am to Noon. Graveside services 1:00pm, at Oak Lawn Cemetery, Rockdale, Texas.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **14**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale  
1041 West Highway 79  
Rockdale, TX 76567  
(512) 446-5454  
phillips\_luckey@yahoo.com  
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

## Graveside Service

DEC **14**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Oak Lawn Cemetery  
250 S. Pear Street  
Rockdale, TX 76567

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Everyone at Certified purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Katherine E. McMillan.*



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**Everyone at Certified** - December 12, 2019 at 03:31 PM

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“ *Michael & Janie Mariani purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Katherine E. McMillan.*



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**Michael & Janie Mariani** - December 12, 2019 at 03:28 PM

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“ *Her 3 nieces & families Berger, Calloway & Harizal purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Katherine E. McMillan.*



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**Her 3 nieces & families Berger, Calloway & Harizal** -  
December 05, 2019 at 03:32 PM