



Zelda Reed Cook

July 23, 1939 - July 16, 2023

Zelda Reed Cook , of Minerva, Texas and formerly of Austin, passed away peacefully at home Sunday July 16, 2023, after a lengthy illness, and one week short of her 84th birthday. She was born in Austin July 23, 1939 to Connell Badger Reed and Zelda Bess Blailock.

Zelda grew up in Austin, graduating from Austin High School in 1957 and from the University of Texas with a bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 1961. In July of 1961, she married Irby Jack Cook, II, and they recently celebrated their 62th wedding anniversary. She & Jack remained in Austin and raised their children Zelda & Colt there. In 1999, she & Jack “escaped” Austin and moved to their ranch in Milam County, where they lived until her passing.

Zelda cherished the close and long-time friendships she shared with her group of AHS girls. These ladies continue to meet for monthly lunch dates, which Zelda loved attending.

Zelda was a member of Chi Omega sorority at UT and the Junior League of Austin. She was a voracious reader, enjoyed spending time with her family & friends at Willow Beach (her family’s place on Lake Austin) or at the ranch, and doted on the many dogs she loved so dearly through the years. Her kindness, grace and humor will be sorely missed.

Zelda is predeceased by her parents and her dearest friend Karen Lopez. She is survived by her husband Jack Cook of Minerva, daughter Zelda Cook of Georgetown, son & daughter-in-law Colt and Laura Cook of Lakeway; grandson Reed Cook, his wife Chloe and their daughter (Zelda's great granddaughter) Violet of Leander; grandson Devin Cook of Lakeway and her "semi-adopted" son Miles Dear and his wife Dana of Austin. She is also survived by her brother-in-law John V. "Pete" Cook of Hunt, Niece Susan Gray and her family of Katy, nephew Beaux Cook and his family of Medina, her cousins Alyce Jeanne Rawlinson of Denver, Nancy Matthews of Austin, Sue Atkinson of Hunt and Janet Treadway of Lufkin. She is also survived by a loving extended family and close friends. Lastly, she is survived by her devoted caregivers Alma Hernandez and Jadira Luna Hernandez

Pallbearers will be Reed Cook, Devin Cook, Miles Dear, Jesse Luna Ramirez, Francisco Ramirez, O.C. Ramirez, Billy Mac Callahan, Steve McCollum and Jack Cooper.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am Friday July 21 at the Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale. A private family burial will be held at the Minerva Community Cemetery at a later date. In Lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Salvation Army or to the charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Minerva Cemetery

761 County Road 232 Loop
Minerva, TX 76567

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUL 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

ER

“ Dear Jack and family, You are in my thoughts and prayers. Sweet, kind, caring Zelda will be forever missed. She made the world a better happier place. She and Karen are definitely sharing stories & laughing together again! Maybe even some investment club strategies! She will be cherished in our hearts. Hugs and Love, Elaine Rayburn

Elaine Rayburn - July 25, 2023 at 12:47 PM

TF

“ We were saddened to hear of Zelda’s passing. She was a wonderful woman and a friend to all. Prayers to all.

The Fitzpatrick family - July 21, 2023 at 06:15 PM

JM

“ Dear Jack and family, it is with sadness and gladness that I send my condolences to ya'll. Zelda was one of a kind. And KIND being the top memory of her. She and Karen are lunching out in Heaven, united as sisters again. Love and blessings and hugs, to you all sweet friends.

jewel I minter - July 20, 2023 at 11:35 AM

SB

“ Zelda was a longtime friend growing up in Austin. She and Jack were two favorite people in our graduating class at AHS in 1957. Zelda and I pledged Chi Omega together. She was always so kind and outgoing and liked by everyone. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Sharon Beard - July 19, 2023 at 06:05 PM

BH

“ *Ms. Zelda was the most compassionate and loving person. This angel has left the earth but not our hearts. Barb Hanus*

Barb Hanus - July 19, 2023 at 06:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Zelda Reed Cook.*



July 19, 2023 at 05:42 PM

RP

“ *The friendship with Zelda and Jack goes back over 65 years. Many great cherished memories. Zelda was a wonderful- caring lady and friend.*

Ronny & Kathie

Ronny & Kathie Platt - July 19, 2023 at 04:29 PM

PC

“ *The years - miles - memories - and the friendships will be forever cherished.*

Paula Kay Callahan - July 19, 2023 at 11:34 AM