

Gladys Ann Giambernardi, beloved mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend, entered eternal rest at the age of 86 on April 5, 2023, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on January 9, 1937 to Ida and Roy Schaefer in San Antonio as the youngest of four children.

Gladys attended St. Ann's Catholic School in her youth and graduated from Providence High School in 1955, with accolades for being a Spelling champion.

She worked for many years at her family's restaurant, Koehler's BBQ. She loved visiting with loyal customers. She also worked at USAA for a period of time.

Gladys married Russell Giambernardi on October 19, 1961. Gladys and Russell went on to have one son, Vincent, who was her pride and joy.

Gladys' favorite activities and hobbies included Flamenco (Spanish) style dancing, her love for animals, especially her dogs, and playing card games with family and friends. She was also a primary caretaker for her mother for many years.

Gladys was predeceased by her son, Vincent Giambernardi; her parents, Ida and Roy Schaefer; her brother Roy, Jr. Schaefer and sister-in-law Marcie Schaefer; her brother, Norman Schaefer; and her sister Cleo Ruhnke and brother-in-law Thomas (Jerry) Ruhnke; and various aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She is survived by her grandson, Michael Ryan Giambernardi; daughter-in-law Sandra Vargas; sister-in-law Shirley Schaefer; and many nieces and nephews.

Her Service will be held at Prince of Peace Catholic Church at 7893 Grissom Rd. on Wednesday, April 19, 2023. Viewing at Noon; Funeral Mass at 12:30pm, followed by Burial at Mission Park North.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Gladys' honor to the San Antonio Humane Society, an organization close to her heart. Please reference family member Sandra Vargas.

The family would like to acknowledge and thank Methodist Hospice Care, especially her nurse, Monica.



