



Mrs Melissa Anderson

July 9, 1944 - April 19, 2019

Melissa Humphrey Anderson (July 9, 1944 - April 19, 2019) has sadly lost her courageous years long battle with chronic pulmonary disease.

Melissa (known to her grandchildren as “Noni”) was born in Brownsville, Texas, to Muir Burge Humphrey and Mary Evelyn “Peggy” Humphrey, where she spent a happy childhood. Her adulthood was spent in Houston, Texas where she raised her two children Dabney and Matthew. She then met and married Edgar “Andy” Anderson and when he retired, they moved to Andy’s hometown of Carthage, Texas.

Melissa was a dry, cracking wit and a kind hearted member of the Carthage community. She was an involved member of her bridge club and member of the St. John’s Episcopal Church of Carthage, where she shared her enjoyment of others and faith in God. She was a fantastic cook, having held onto and making her mother and grandmothers’ Rio Grande Valley recipes. She would make chicken soup for church members or neighbors when they were sick, and would celebrate her time with family when they visited with her tacos, enchiladas, and Carlo Rossi Burgundy (always in a Tervis Tumbler Highball, and always packed with ice).

She loved South Padre Island, Texas where she took vacations year after year with her family, and then later, with her children and grandchildren. As a

young girl, she and Muir and Peggy would take a boat over to the island, which was undeveloped other than a few houses and beach shacks. The love she felt for those early trips ran through as a ley line of loving the sand, the surf, and the peace and quiet the island offered her and later, her family.

Noni was an avid reader of many types of fiction and novels, she especially enjoyed science fiction, instilling a love of literature in her children and grandchildren. She was also interested in and did many handwork projects throughout her life, embroidering gifts and making pillowcases that are still in use by friends and family to this day.

She loved to travel, and the adventures she and Andy would have around the world throughout their long and loving marriage, especially if the ocean/beaches were involved.

Melissa “Noni” Humphrey Anderson is survived by her daughter Dabney Hilla and husband John; her son Matthew Garibay and wife Elizabeth; grandchildren Austin Hilla and wife Sarah Crass-Hilla, Evan and Gala Rose Garibay.

She is preceded in passing by her husband Edgar “Andy” Anderson.

A Memorial Service will be held for Noni at St. John’s Episcopal Church of Carthage on May 11th at 1:00 p.m.

Tribute Wall

JA

“ How I wish I would have known about the passing of this lovely lady. I will always remember how she welcomed me into the family and her wonderful meals that she made with love. This woman also had the greenest thumb in the state of Texas! I am so happy that Mason and I went to see her about a year ago. She was as feisty as ever! Melissa I know you're in the arms of Andy and he is smiling. You will be miss dear lady.

Jan - July 19, 2019 at 04:25 PM

DH

“ I am so sad that my sweet Mommy #2 has passed, but I am so very happy that I got to spend a couple of weekends with her in Carthage. We had great conversations about things that happened in her life and she shared so many great stories with Dabney and I. We laughed so much that we would have to give her time to regroup before we started up again. Best coffee I ever had was at her house. Mommy #2 was always so generous and kind. I will miss you so very much. I love you and please give my Mom a big hug and kiss when you see her in heaven. Love you so much, Diana (Daughter #2)

Dabney, my deepest condolences and remember I am here for you anytime you need me.

Diana Highsmith - May 01, 2019 at 11:17 AM

GF

“ Please accept my family’s sincere condolences on the loss of your dear loved one Mrs. Anderson. May you find comfort in fond memories of her, and hope in God’s assured promise to shortly awaken those asleep in death to perfect health and conditions under his new earthly government.

Greene Family - April 30, 2019 at 11:32 PM

PW

“ Patricia Widener, Kimberly Valle and James Widener purchased the *Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket* for the family of Mrs Melissa Anderson.



Patricia Widener, Kimberly Valle and James Widener - April 25, 2019 at 07:36 PM