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Obituary of Merla Kay Clark Please share a memory of Merla to include in a keepsake book for family and friends. View Tribute Book Merla Kay Clark, 83, was born to Merlin and Luella Valley, on August 12, 1938, and passed away Monday, August 8, 2022. The oldest of five children, Merla was born and raised in Pinconning Michigan, where she was a drum majorette for the band and graduated from high school. Growing up, Merla learned to play tennis on the clay court in her family's backyard. Following high school, Merla went to work for Dow Chemical in Midland, Michigan, where she met her future husband, William "Bill" Clark. Merla and her family taught Bill to play tennis, since that was a sport they all enjoyed. They moved to Battle Creek, Michigan and started a family in 1960, and Merla became a stay-at-home mother. She and Bill later taught their children to play tennis, which was a frequent weekend activity. Merla and Bill lived in a variety of locations during his career due to numerous transfers. Merla always enjoyed making each house into a home and engaged in numerous creative hobbies to support doing that, including ceramics, leaded glass, sewing, needlepoint, embroidery, and gardening. She cherished time spent with her children and grandchildren. For Merla, family was everything. She loved family time spent outdoors, including tennis, camping, hiking, and fishing. After retiring, Merla and Bill traveled to visit historical sites and pursue her interest in genealogy, which was a passion that spanned over thirty years. Annual family reunions were always a highlight of the year, and Merla spent a great deal of time coordinating these events. One of her favorite activities with grandchildren was baking cookies and muffins. Merla will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. Merla is preceded in death by her father Merlin Joseph Valley; mother Luella Mary (Walker) Valley; loving husband of 56 years, William "Bill" Clark; sister Sharon (Valley) Hummel and her husband, Don; and an infant brother and sister. Merla is survived by her sons William "Bill" Clark II and wife Jill of Hiawatha, IA, Robert Clark



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and wife Kim of Brownwood, TX; daughter Kimberly A. Livingston of Frederick, CO; brothers Don Valley and wife Prair; Marc Valley and wife Percilla; sister Marilyn Celano and husband Tullio; eleven grandchildren (Peter Clark, Dylan Clark, Chelsea Clark, Caleb Mendez and wife Casondra, Casey Clark, Emma (Clark) Wood and husband Josh, Lily Clark, Chandler Clark, Andrew Clark, Justin Livingston, and Ashley Livingston); two great-grandchildren (Charlotte Clark-Norman and Morgan Mendez), and a host of many other family and friends. Services for Merla will be held Friday, August 26, 2022 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Manvel, Texas. Visitation is scheduled from 10:30 – 11:30 am. The funeral mass will be held at 11:30 am, with Father James Courville officiating. Interment will follow at 2:00 pm, at the Houston National Cemetery in Houston, Texas.



Tribute Wall

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Karen Clark posted:

Aunt Merla was an inspiration to many. As a left handed person, she taught this left handed niece how to do several things and made my parents life and mine so much easier! I'm sure she helped everyone in some way.

August 15 at 7:00 PM



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