



Laura Jean Habernal

July 28, 1931 - August 17, 2021

Our beloved mother, grandmother & great grandmother, Laura Jean Habernal, 90, of Houston, Texas passed away on August 17, 2021. She was born on July 28, 1931, in Houston, Texas, and was the only child of Alice Mae and Erik Jensen. She grew up in Houston and graduated from Reagan High School in 1948. She met her true love, Charles J. Habernal, after high school whom she married on February 18, 1950.

They lived in Houston and were blessed with four children, Charlie, Helen, Kay, and Eric. She and Charles were married for 58 years until his passing, sharing the joys of raising a family. They were transferred to Tyler, Texas with Charles' job with Exxon Mobil in the late 1950's for a few years, then to Dallas for less than a year, then back to Houston where they lived in Spring Branch on Blankenship Drive. This was where the most joyous memories were made with their growing family. They loved hosting every Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, and numerous birthdays at their house. These were some of their favorite traditions, cherished by all.

Nothing was more important to Laura than being a mother, a grandmother, and a great-grandmother. She was affectionately known as Granny to her seven beloved grandchildren who she was so lucky to live close by. She loved watching them grow up and attended many of their activities including ballet recitals, awards nights, graduations, and many sporting events. She was

known as 'Gigi' to thirteen beautiful great-grandchildren who she thought hung the moon and the stars.

Laura will be remembered for her fiery personality, strong will, fierce determination, smart mind, vibrant red hair, perfect make up, beautiful jewelry and nails, and always dressed to the nines. Mostly she will be remembered for her love of family who she cherished in her lifetime. She was a true character, and will be missed greatly, but will always be remembered lovingly.

She is survived by her children Charles Jr.(Juanita) Habernal, Helen (Greg) Berger, Kay (Ken) Ahrens, and Eric Habernal; her beloved grandchildren, Melanie (Anthony) Zermeno, Michelle (Jed) McBride, Daniel (Claire) Berger, Keith (Erin) Ahrens, Deanna (Phil) Smith, Kevin (Christie) Ahrens, and Christopher Habernal; thirteen precious grandchildren, Kaylie, Luke, and Blake Zermeno, Jack, Evan, and Andrew Berger, Keegan, Parker, Landon, Caleb, and Grant Ahrens, Daniel and Carter Smith; her precious dog Coco; several nieces and a nephew; and several great - nieces and nephews.

She is preceded by her beloved husband, Charles, and her parents whom she adored, Alice and Erik Jensen, three brothers-in-law, and two sisters-in-law.

A vigil service will be held at Dettling Funeral Home, 14904 Memorial Drive, on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. with a visitation at 10:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in her name to one of the following organizations:

- St. Jerome Catholic Church
8825 Kempwood Dr.
Houston, Texas 77080

- Emmaus Spirituality Center
12645 Memorial Dr. Ste F1-720
Houston, Texas 77024

Previous Events

Vigil Service

SEP 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home
14094 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079
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Tribute Wall



“ *Laura Jean Habernal* ”

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



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“ To our dear mother you are in my thoughts all the time I miss you so much. It hasn't been easy knowing you are not with me, but I know you are beside me in spirit. I know you will guide me through the rest of my life until I can be with you and daddy again. Missing all the special times we spent with you. I'm missing your voice. Missing your knowledge. Missing the phone calls. Missing eating out with you. Missing everything! Our sweet mother, my rock, the depth of your greatness is of profound loss to me but with the greatest memories to me and to us all. I love you now, I love you always, I'll love you forever. You know that. A daughter's love, remains. Kay

Kay Ahrens - September 18, 2021 at 10:47 AM

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“ Kay Ahrens lit a candle in memory of Laura Jean Habernal



Kay Ahrens - September 18, 2021 at 10:34 AM

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“ *Mama,
I can't believe that you are gone. I had hoped that we would have more time with you in our lives. I miss you terribly, but know that you are at total peace. Your beautiful mind is clear again, and your body is so strong again. Your fiery red hair is vibrant again, & I know that you went right to the beauty shop after the glorious reunion with Daddy, & Gran & Granddaddy, & after you were so beautifully welcomed into heaven. Your legacy of love for family will live on in all of us who adored you. Please know how much we will miss you, but we will carry on with your strength that courses through our veins. We will love you forever, & carry you in our hearts forever. Continue to guide us from up above.
God bless you, Mama. Say hello to everyone in heaven.
Until we meet again,
Helen*

Helen Berger - September 06, 2021 at 04:13 PM

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What a perfect tribute ! Wish I'd known her ♡ She's surely so proud and at peace. May your hearts heal, Habernal family. Hugs from Connie & James

James & Connie Brooks, Susie & Beau - September 11, 2021 at 08:06 AM