



Nancy Russell Kangerga

April 28, 1928 - October 5, 2011

Nancy Russell Kangerga passed away peacefully at her home Wednesday, surrounded by her loving family. She will be greatly missed. Celebration service will be held at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Henderson on Saturday, October 8, at 10:00 a.m., with The Reverend Patsy Barham officiating under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home in Henderson. Nancy, who was 83, was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Michael Kangerga; her parents Dan and Naomi Russell; her sister Eleanor Russell Folbre; and her brother Dan Russell, Jr. Nancy was born in San Antonio on April 28, 1928, and was raised there by her parents Dan and Naomi. She attended high school at St. Mary's Hall in San Antonio and later at Ashley Hall in Charleston, South Carolina. Nancy went to college at the University of Texas in Austin, where she was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. While at college, Nancy met her husband and life-long companion Michael Kangerga, who was from Henderson. Nancy and Michael married on October 15, 1949, in San Antonio, and then moved to Henderson to start their family. Nancy and Michael lived in Henderson for the rest of their lives. Nancy devoted herself to her family, friends, and community. She was an active member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, where for many years she served on the Altar Guild. She was a member of the Renaissance club, the Henderson Women's Forum, and the Junior League of San Antonio. Nancy also served as a volunteer at the East Texas Treatment Center in Kilgore. Nancy loved to cook for her family and friends, and she was widely

known as a gracious hostess. Everyone visiting her home, even if only a casual acquaintance, was treated with a warm smile, a welcoming embrace, and overwhelming hospitality. All guests left well-fed and well-loved. Nancy enjoyed playing bridge, Mah Jongg, and other games of skill. As her family and friends can attest, her gracious personality masked a strong competitive spirit. She had keen card-sense and, perhaps surprising to some, knew her way around a Vegas dice table. She played for fun but she loved to win. Nancy and Michael loved to travel. She was equally comfortable in a rustic fishing lodge or a four-star hotel. After she lost Michael in 2005, Nancy continued to travel with her sons and extended family, often being the one organizing those trips. She never tired of going to new places, meeting new people, and learning new things. Nancy will be fondly remembered for her boundless love and graciousness. Nancy is survived by her four sons and daughters-in-law Russell and Debbie, Jim and Deborah, Johnny and Sarah, and Spikes and Melissa; her grandchildren and their spouses Morgan and Julie Kangerga, Katherine and Eric Boudreau, Andrew Kangerga, and Emily and C.T. Ricks; and her great-granddaughter Ava Kangerga. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 214 College Avenue, Henderson, Texas, 75654.

Tribute Wall

RC

“ We are so saddened to hear of Mrs. Nancy's passing. She was a very special lady and we are blessed to have known her. May God bless you and we will keep you in our prayers.

Ricky and Sheri Parker and children - October 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ Sorry for your loss. You are in our prayers.

HAL & Rosa Martin - October 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Kangerga family during this difficult time.

Jamie Skelton - October 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ Ms. Nancy was a gracious lady. May God grant you all his peace during this time.

William & Sharon Brown - October 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ She will be truly missed

Lee Dale Wallace - October 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ Your family and the community have suffered a great loss from the passing of your Mother. She was such a wonderful individual, and a great parent to you 4 boys. I know you will miss her greatly. She was always so kind and loving to me when we were children and even into adulthood. It was an honor to have known her. God be with each of you and your families during your time of grief. Your friend always, Ruthie

Ruth Harris Kusheba - October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Our hearts go out to each and every one of you. Mrs. Kangerga was so sweet and kind. She will be truly missed by many. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Joe & Cecilia

Joe & Cecilia Koch - October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NL

“ Russell and all the Family, Guess there are not words to express how sad I am to read of the loss of Nana. She was such a special person and was always so kind to me when we'd stop at She and Father's home. She was such a gentile lady that one seldom encounters in their life. She will be missed. Norris-

Norris Langford - October 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM