



## Gertrude Velma Merritt

April 19, 1933 - June 28, 2021

Gertrude, "Mimi" Merritt passed from this life into eternity with her Lord and Savior on June 28, 2021.

Gertrude entered this life on April 19, 1933, to Bill and Edith Lepar of Akron, Ohio. On November 13, 1954, Mimi married the love of her life, Jerry Merritt. They were blessed with sixty years together.

She dedicated her life to the Lord and to Asbury United Methodist Church where she was a charter member and served as church secretary for many years. Mimi's spiritual gift was that of an encourager. She wrote and sent countless cards of encouragement to the people she loved.

Mimi was preceded in death by husband, Jerry Merritt; her mother and father, Bill and Edith Lepar; stepmother, Rose Lepar; siblings Richard and Dave Lepar.

She is survived by son, Mark and wife Maribea Merritt; daughter, Karen and husband Kenny Kidd; daughter, Teresa Bowers and Jeff Ashley, all of Odessa. Grandchildren, Tyler Bowers and wife Asha; Ryan and wife Anna Kidd; Ashley Kidd, Jonathan Merritt, and Marshall Burson, along with many other family members and friends.

We would like to extend our appreciation to the many caregivers at Courtyards Assisted Living, Parks Senior Living, and Home Hospice.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to Asbury United Methodist Church, 4001 E. University, Odessa, Texas 79762 <[https://www.google.com/maps/search/4001 E. University, Odessa, Texas 79762?](https://www.google.com/maps/search/4001%20E.%20University,%20Odessa,%20Texas%2079762?)

entry=gmail&source=g>, or the charity of your choice.

A memorial service will be held at Asbury United Methodist Church at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, July 3.

# Tribute Wall

RO

“ Mark and family,. Sorry to hear of your loss. I worked with you at Gibsons. Both your parents where very nice. May they rest in peace. Your friend. Rota magoo

Rosa - July 25, 2021 at 11:05 PM

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“ Rosa lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Velma Merritt



Rosa - July 25, 2021 at 11:01 PM

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“ We wanted to send you our sympathies in the loss of your mother. I remember her as a very sweet lady.

*You probably don't remember us (my Dad, Bobby (Andy) Anderson worked with your Dad at General Tire). Back in the late 60s our families got together a few times at each others homes.*

*Dad passed away in 2005 from leukemia and we currently have Mom living with my husband and I.*

*Teresa Anderson Nixon  
Barbara Anderson*

Teresa Anderson Nixon - July 02, 2021 at 09:13 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Gertrude Velma Merritt.*



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June 30, 2021 at 06:09 PM



“ *Dear Karen and Kenny, I know that times like this are hard, and Sherry and I want you to know that we love you and we are praying for you and your family. God is our strength and He is always there for us. Mike and Sherry Myers*

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**James Myers** - June 30, 2021 at 11:10 AM