



Mary Elizabeth Kunik

September 6, 1946 - June 28, 2026

Mary Elizabeth Kunik, a woman of resilience, grace, and warmth, passed away on June 28, 2026, gifted by loving words and hugs of family. Born on September 6, 1946, in Canton, Mississippi, Mary overcame a challenging childhood and young adulthood through sheer strength of spirit. Her enduring beauty and resilience eventually led her to a deeply transformative chapter when she married her beloved husband, Burton Kunik, a"n. Together, they built a fun-filled, renewed life rooted in mutual devotion and joy. Mary and Burt shared a beautiful partnership filled with love, laughter, and a passion for travel and fine dining. She embraced the large, bustling Kunik family with open arms, yet equally cherished her quiet moments at home with Burt and her devoted dog, Bentley.

Affectionately known for her kind nature, Mary delighted in spoiling her grandchildren, who will forever cherish memories of playing card games and enjoying special meals out with their grandma. Her kindness left a lasting impression on everyone she met, from her friends at the beauty salon and her neighbors to the caregivers at the cancer clinic. Though she did not always fully realize how deeply she was appreciated, Mary was profoundly loved by all who crossed her path.

Mary was predeceased by her husband, Burton "Burt" Kunik, a"n; her father, Jim Wallace; her brother, Bill Wallace; and her sister, Sherry McCoy. She is

survived by her four sons: Mark Kunik (Mardi), Randy Kunik (Agustina), Daryl Kunik (Dana), and David Parsons (Laura). She also leaves behind 13 grandchildren: Max Kunik, Julian Kunik, Alec Parsons (Layne), Illan Kunik, Nathan Kunik, Sophie Kunik, Elise Barksdale (Whit), Maddox Kunik, Reese Kunik, Malena Kunik, Gael Kunik, Lawson Parsons, and Lincoln Parsons; and her brand-new great -granddaughter, Emmerson Barksdale.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Mary and Burt Legacy Fund at Shalom Austin (Shalom Austin 7300 Hart Lane, Austin, TX 78731; <http://www.shalomaustin.org/kunik-legacy> or a charity of your choice.

May her memory be a blessing.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

1601 Navasota St.
Austin, TX 78702

Upcoming Events

Computer Accessible Graveside

JUN 30. 9:30 AM (CT)

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Graveside Service

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