



Loretta Allen

1940-2020

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Loretta Allen, 79, of Paradise, died June 20, 2020, in Paradise.

She was born Oct. 14, 1940, in Dallas.

Loretta's life work was as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA). She also spent her life teaching others to serve and heal. Her colleagues highly respected her and her many students viewed her as a lifelong mentor. Her students shared that she may have been a tough teacher, but they learned and thrived under her guidance. Her directness and tough love, a trait she shared with her siblings, made her a cherished mentor and trusted friend.

Loretta volunteered with her congregation, Metropolitan Community Church, where she served on the board of directors and as treasurer. She leaves behind a legacy of faith and faithfulness and will be missed by all who knew her. Her children

remember her as a compassionate teacher in all aspects of their lives. She was a consistent support in an inconsistent world. She shared her wisdom, her tough love and her honesty with all those dear to her. She adored her grandchildren and spent hours sharing her knowledge and passions with them.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Joanna Allen.

She is survived by her spouse, Carol Allen; son Michael Shackelford and wife, Katie; daughters Johnna Hays, Kathrine Dugan and husband, Michael and Hannah Habito; brother Gary Allen and wife, Janet; sister Angie Moore; grandchildren Isabelle and Annabelle Shackelford and Blake and Kenzi Dugan.

The family prefers to honor Loretta's wishes by grieving personally and individually, and not formally. There will be no service as she requested; particularly in the light of COVID, a gathering would be ill advised. For those looking to make a monetary donation to her passing, there will be a scholarship established in Loretta's name. We welcome your shared words and pictures on her Memory Wall at midwayfuneralhome.com/book-of-memories/4246442/Allen-Loretta/index.php