



Rebecca Irene Shanz

December 21, 1941 - April 15, 2026

Rebecca Irene Shanz, of Terrell, passed away on April 15, 2026 with family at her side. Rebecca was born December 21, 1941 in Enid, OK to Frederick and Mabel Bennett, both of whom preceded her in death along with beloved husband, Bill Shanz, son, John Kerss and her granddaughter, Bailey Kerss. Rebecca was married to the love of her life and best friend, Bill, for over 40 years until his passing in 2019 and together they had a wonderful life filled with family and great memories. She was a long-time resident of Terrell and worked for many years with the Terrell Tribune. She had a generous heart for others which enabled Rebecca to be a dedicated volunteer with the Terrell State Hospital Volunteer Service Council where she was truly happy to help others in need. When not working, she looked forward to spending time with family, gardening or watching any sport especially baseball and football. Rebecca also loved listening to old country music and sharing the many memories with her children and grandchildren, and later great grandchildren. A loving mother and wife who always put others before herself, Rebecca will be forever missed and always remembered. She is survived by her son, Douglas Wayne Kerss and wife, Sue, Chuck Kerss and wife, Kim; daughters, Faith Kerss, Catherine Shanz and husband, John Bauer; grandchildren: Ryan Kerss and wife, Jennifer, Robby Kerss and wife, Keni, Coriemae Bridges and husband, Andrew and Katie Kerss and husband, Brandon; great grandchildren: Gage, Ethan, Journey, Lilly, Tessa, Kason, Seth, Rebecca, Lola, and Little Andrew along with the expected arrival of one great-great

grandchild as well as many other extended family and friends that Rebecca considered as close as family.

A celebration of her life will be at 4:00pm, Friday, May 1, 2026 at the Reflections Venue at Max Slayton Funerals with her family receiving friends beginning at 3:00pm to service time.

For those wishing, the family suggests memorials in honor of Rebecca to be made to Terrell State Hospital Volunteer Services Council at <https://www.northtexasgivingday.org/organization/volunteer-services-council-of-terrell-state-hospital> or to <https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/1808938>

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

MAY 1. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Reflections Venue
642 N. Rockwall Ave.
Terrell
Terrell, TX 75160-2117
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Celebration of Life

MAY 1. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Brad, Summer & Saleise purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Rebecca Irene Shanz.



Brad, Summer & Saleise - April 30 at 05:33 PM

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“ Brad, Summer & Saleise planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rebecca Irene Shanz.

Brad, Summer & Saleise - April 30 at 05:33 PM

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“ Dear Lilly, Tessa, Cori & family,

We were so sorry to hear about Rebecca, your precious Nana! Keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers!! 🙏🙏❤️

With Deepest Sympathy,
Karo & Wilson Stewart (Damian's Nanny & Pawpaw)



Karo Stewart - April 30 at 10:17 AM

BP

What a joy to know Rebecca . Gentle, kind, loving...Generous in every way. Shining like a star...

Some of you have never known a day without her. May the God of all comfort, comfort you in your sorrow. Know that the door of Heaven is open. Jesus is the door. He says "Come".

May He heal your broken hearts.

Love

BettyAnn Parkerson

BettyAnn Parkerson - May 01 at 11:56 AM

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“*Faith, I'm so sorry! I first met Mrs. Shanz when she worked at Dr Wilson's. She was always so sweet. Praying for peace & comfort for you & your family.*



Tricia Selman - April 20 at 07:58 PM