



Rolene Rann

May 3, 1935 - August 7, 2021

On Saturday, August 7th, 2021, Rolene Rann, beloved mother, grandmother, and great grandmother passed away at the age of 86.

Rolene was preceded in death by her father, Howard Upston, her mother Viola Upston, husband Jerry Rann, sister Betty Cummins. and brothers Howard Upston and Clarence Upston. She is survived by her 3 children; Jeff Rann and wife Kwezi of Hondo, TX, Cheryl Rubner and husband Michael of Terrell, TX, Steve Rann and wife Laura of Gladstone, VA; her six grandchildren Aaron Rubner and wife Amber of Forney, TX, Amber Alexander and husband Ryan of Sachse, TX, Ashleigh Adams and husband Dom of South Africa, Jared Rann and wife Nikki of Austin, TX, David Rann of Arlington, VA, and Michael Rann of Hondo, TX; her brother Tom Upston and wife Gail of Murphy, NC, her sister Debra Taylor Pierce and husband Don, her 8 great grandchildren and multiple nieces and nephews.

Rolene was born on May 3rd, 1935 in Tekonsha Township, MI. She was raised and went to school in Tekonsha, where she played the French Horn in the high school band. She graduated in 1953, and following graduation, worked as a secretary at State Farm. On March 26th, 1955 she married Jerry Rann. Upon Jerry's graduation from Michigan State University, they moved to Sawyer, MI where they raised their 3 young children. In 1967, Jerry took a position with US Aid for International Development and they moved to Lashkargah, Afghanistan. There they met a delightful British couple and became known for their legendary parties. In 1972, they moved to Kabul,

Afghanistan for 3 years then returned to Tekonsha, MI in 1974 and purchased their home.

In 1975, Rolene and Jerry moved to Zambia for 3 years, then to Tanzania where Rolene worked as a secretary for the US Ambassador to Tanzania. Rolene and Jerry moved to Ghana, Africa in 1980 prior to returning to the States. They lived in the Washington D.C. area before Jerry's retirement in 1986. They then returned to Tekonsha fulltime where Rolene loved spending time with her family, frequently watching her grandchildren for extended periods of time.

Rolene loved working in her yard, playing cards, bingo, dominos, doing jig saw puzzles, and hosting a annual Memorial Day picnic for the family. She had a lucky streak and almost always won playing the nickel slots. In more recent years, she could be seen sitting on her porch people watching and visiting with neighbors. Over the past 5 years as her health declined, she spent more time in Texas to be closer to her children and grandchildren. Here she spent many evenings playing dominos or cards, working on puzzles and gathering with family for birthdays and holidays.

A memorial service celebrating her life will be held on Tuesday, August 17th at 6pm at the Max Slayton Funeral Chapel in Terrell, Texas with her family receiving friends beginning at 5:00pm to service time.

An additional memorial service will be held in Tekonsha, MI on August 23rd.

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

AUG 17. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel
642 N. Rockwall Ave.
Terrell, TX 75160

Celebration of Life

AUG 17. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rolene Rann*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rolene Rann.*



August 17, 2021 at 12:42 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Rolene Rann.*



August 17, 2021 at 10:20 AM



“ 173 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - August 16, 2021 at 05:24 PM

LZ

“ *Larry and Tina Zimmerman purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Rolene Rann.*



Larry and Tina Zimmerman - August 16, 2021 at 03:56 PM

TN

“ *Tim and Karen Newbrough purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Rolene Rann.*



Tim and Karen Newbrough - August 16, 2021 at 12:38 PM

SS

“ *Susan Naylor Moulton Sellers purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Rolene Rann.* ”



Susan Naylor Moulton Sellers - August 16, 2021 at 11:45 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rolene Rann.* ”



August 14, 2021 at 09:10 AM

CF

“ *Cath Richmond and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rolene Rann.* ”



Cath Richmond and family - August 14, 2021 at 03:14 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rolene Rann.* ”



August 13, 2021 at 08:25 AM



“ *Tropical Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Rolene Rann.*



August 10, 2021 at 08:39 PM



“ *The Blake Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Rolene Rann.*



The Blake Family - August 10, 2021 at 02:52 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rolene Rann.*



August 10, 2021 at 01:38 PM