



Elga Pettit

February 2, 1943 - August 24, 2022

Elga Senbergs Pettit, 79 of Dripping Springs, Texas, passed away peacefully Wednesday, August 24, 2022 with her family at her bedside. She was born February 2, 1943 in Riga, Latvia as the only child of Elvira and Constantin Senbergs.

Elga is preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, James (Jim). She is survived by her three children: John (wife Kerry) of Dripping Springs, TX; Alex (wife Claudia) of Ypsilanti, MI; and daughter, Anna of West Palm Beach, FL.

Elga emigrated to the United States as a young child after spending time in a displaced persons camp in Germany ahead of the Russian occupation of Latvia and became a fully naturalized citizen in 1964. She finally had the opportunity to revisit her homeland in 2019 for an unforgettable exploration of her Latvian heritage (of which she was ever-so-proud).

She pursued a Bachelor of Arts with Highest Honors in Fine Arts and a Master of Science in Education from Hofstra University and taught art to middle and high school students before pursuing further education in the craft of decorative painted finishes at the Isabel O'Neil Studio Workshop for the Fine Art of the Painted Finish in New York City. There she became a journeyman and continued on to work with a number of New York-area designers to practice her craft. Her attention to detail made her exceptional at tricking the

eye to see a wide array of common and exotic materials where there was only paint.

While living in New York she maintained extensive gardens, and again, her attention to detail and inspired vision helped her to create artfully cared-for landscapes.

Her children were the unquestionable center of her world and she accomplished much in the name of raising them along with several black labs and cats that may or may not have belonged to other families. She had a smile for everyone and was generous with all she had and could give. Conversation was her super power: she always had a story to share and could dispel any silent moment with great ease.

May Elga now find endless lush weed-free gardens, cilantro-free food, and perfectly warm clothes.

The family is accepting guests for an open-house memorial gathering Monday, August 29 from 4-7 pm at 10807 Glenview Dr., Dripping Springs, TX 78620. A small graveside burial will be held at 9:00 am on Tuesday, August 30 at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, 1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd., San Antonio, TX

In lieu of flowers or a memorial gift, please consider making a donation in her name to:

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center (<https://www.wildflower.org/donate/>)

PAWS Shelter of Central Texas (<https://pawsshelter.org/donate/>)

Garezers Latvian Center (<https://garezers.org/atbalstit-support/>)

Cemetery Details

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG 30. 9:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Elga Pettit*

October 05, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ *Elga Pettit*

October 04, 2023 at 06:25 PM



“ *Elga Pettit*

September 26, 2023 at 10:57 PM



“ *Dear Elga Pettit Family:*

Your Mom told me “Life is Just a Bowl of Cherries” so when she was breaking up housekeeping sent me the artificial cherries she had on her dining room table! I have them proudly displayed on my dining room table and always remember her when I dust them!

A wonderful woman. My husband and your Dad were in the military/Germany together.

Sincere Sympathy,

*With ❤️ Jane and Chuck Rand, Monroe, La
August 31, 2022 — 11:19 am central*

Jane and Chuck Rand - August 31, 2022 at 12:22 PM

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“ I am so very sorry to hear of Elga’s passing. Elga and I were childhood friends at Fulton Street school. She recently sent me clippings of articles in school we shared when in grade school. When she lived in Florida she took me to see some of her incredible art she had done for clients. Very gifted. Rest In Peace my friend.

barbara kennedy landers - August 28, 2022 at 12:30 AM

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“ A lovely lady who I had the joy of knowing here in Texas. Carole



Carole Klingshirn - August 27, 2022 at 01:34 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elga Pettit.



August 27, 2022 at 12:55 PM

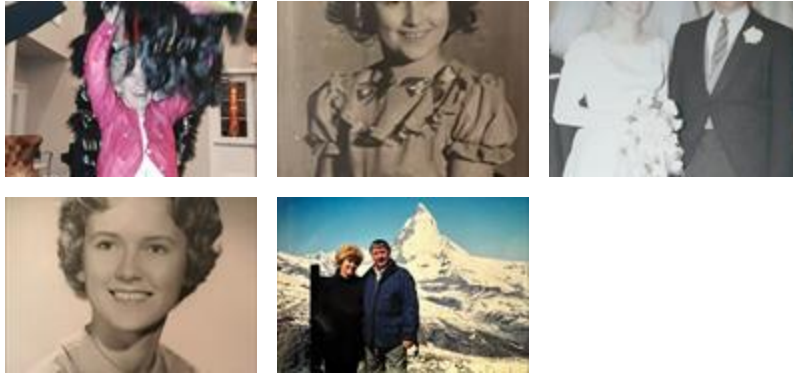
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“ So many memories of my dearest friend and her family I will miss you forever Love Ronnie

Veronica Gargerr - August 27, 2022 at 10:25 AM

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“ 6 files added to the album Elga



Claudia - August 27, 2022 at 09:58 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Elga Pettit.



August 26, 2022 at 08:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Elga Pettit.



August 26, 2022 at 04:55 PM