

Nina Mae Davis Fletcher



Nina Mae Davis Fletcher ascended to be with her loving husband, son, and beloved cats on February 20, 2014. "Pat" was born Nina Mae Davis in Ballinger, Texas, April 30, 1917 to Chester Leroy and Maude Davis. She was a West Texas gal. Her father was a barber and played drums with a traveling band. She told tales about Indians outside of Albany during her early years and about cutting her legs jumping over barbed wire fences while running through the woods with a cousin while being chased by wild hogs! Swimming and tennis were hobbies as a young adult.

Pat was married twice. Both husbands were named Joe, so she said this prevented any embarrassing slip-ups in bed! Pat taught kindergarten at Ft. Sam Houston and was extremely active with military life on base. Her knowledge and expertise of interior

decorating were apparent with her work for O'Krents and Ann Carolyn Decorating Service in San Antonio.

Pat was an excellent seamstress and a member of a "stitcher" group in that city for 60 years. She and members Susy Daeschner, Myrtis Burney, Louise Doran, Margaret Steinle, Emma Korbell and Suzanne Jimenez spent untold hours of enjoyment together at monthly meetings. Pat kidded with Sonny and Vita Shape, "garage sale" neighbors about her marrying Sonny!

Jean Griffith, Faye Brockman, Eva Farinacci, Kay Rushing and Mary Dodd Stalling shared many happy times as close long time friends and lunch mates in San Antonio and Austin. Pat really enjoyed the many holidays and wonderful food with the compassionate Marroquin family and friends of Ft. Clark/San Antonio. Pat loved watching volleyball and met many coaches and officials while traveling with her daughter to playing sites. My volleyball "family" loved and respected her and many times she told me she would be a much better line judge than those officials on the court

Pat had an undying compassion and love for cats, having as many as 12 at one time. No unclaimed neighborhood cat escaped her eyes. Her sharp wit and humor were apparent in her "cat heaven" stories of all her departed felines.

She loved “playing” with material and clowns in what she called her ”disaster” room and enjoyed going to garage sales. (Her home gained a lot of weight!)

Pat had wonderful recollections of her times in San Antonio with the Sisters of Devine Providence of Our Lady of the Lake Convent (Sister Roberta Haby and, in particular, Sister Eugenia Stell who said the sisters always prayed when mom drove them!). She had fond memories from the 80’s and 90’s of the Lanier “lunch bunch” (Jeryl Leifeste, Doreen Luckie, and Mary Dugan McDonald). Pat’s humility and compassion for life and her surroundings were so great that she even cried for days when her big tree in the backyard had to be partially cut down.

For 20 years, “Nina Mae” cherished the multitude of world-wide postcards, Sees' chocolate-covered cherries, and books sent from Teresa Chebuhar. She shared many things in common with long time friends, interior decorator Derrick Dodge and psychiatrist Dick Domres. She thought Bulverde Thanksgivings with Lou and the Farinacci’s (George, LaDona and Dimare) were wonderful. Mike Sevilla always had a smile, warm handshake and gift for Pat at his garage sales. Thanks, too, to the Sonic folks (Jim, Ashley and Requel), who provided food to give us strength to make those sales. Roberto Reynoso worked tirelessly and gently with Pat in the garage and kept her yard beautiful. Since she never saw a chocolate she didn’t like, muchas gracias to Margarita y Antero for bringing weekly to her door her drug of choice (Blue Bell Great Divide ice cream bars).

Pat was very appreciative of the dedicated and compassionate care given to her cats by Dr. Bill Selman and his staff at Town and Country Veterinary Clinic. She was comforted by the warmth and love shown to her by her seamstress, Nina Cordova. Infinite gratitude is given to her two Goddaughters, Rebecca Gunatilaka (and husband Derek), and Melissa Rockenfield, Oma and Don Harlan, the Grieneris (Jeff, Lallie, Thomas and Jakob), and Richard and Monica Harland, who were always supportive and understanding. Charles and Susie Barrera were five star neighbors going far above the call of duty with food and help for her and her daughter. Pat loved her caregiver, Matilde McEachron whose contributions were exemplary and invaluable and whose cooking brought a sparkle to her eye. Mrs. Becerra and her Lanier cosmetology students kept Pat’s hair and nails “beautiful.” Dr. Robert Raley and his staff cared for Pat for many years. Jeanette provided “car side” service, and Michelle brought her coffee.

Most special of all was Aline Zeringue, RN, ACNS-BC, because of her spectacular attention and devotion to special health needs and issues to both Pat and Linda. Pat Howard provided fabulously wonderful backup support and personal attention to Pat and Linda. In addition she would want to say final farewells to Dr. Mitchell Wong who cared for her vision; to Texas Physical Therapy

(Elizabeth, Mark, Joseph, JT, Jackie, and Jesse) for gentle but productive physical therapy; to dentists Roy McMordie (and wife Patsy) and John Valkenaar (and wife Charlotte); to Carlton Newman who kept her walking, to Brad Sutton at Beltone, and to Cathy Porras at the Brick Oven for the wonderful service, great food and fabulous Italian Cream Cake. Pat loved those handsome EMS and Fire station personnel (8900 Hwy. 183), who provided smiles and strong arms to lift her after occasional falls.

Towers of strength for Linda, Pat's daughter, have been Barbara Barnett and Ann Graham of San Antonio (many memorable lunches were shared and they provided a miniature animal collection for Pat), Charlie and Kay Brown, Allen and Mary Brune, Shirley Johnson, Nancy Lehmann-Carsow, Gloria Cox, Carlos Rodriguez, Nancy Strader (care giving and delicious food), and Alan Suzuki, all of whom are owed undying love and gratitude. Their assistance, compassion, understanding and kindness were my salvation.

If Pat could speak today, she would say "good bye Jamie Lipman, my "free spirit, and thanks for the dozens of travel post cards, goodbye Michael Blalock my "Boo Boy," and goodbye Carlos Rodriguez, my "Baby Boy."

Pat was preceded in death by her husband Joe Fletcher (1989) and son Garland Leroy "Torchie" (1994). Her 17 year old cat, Buffalo Bob, and grand cat Smokey (aka Fang) reside in Austin with daughter, Linda K. Fletcher.

In closing, as a daughter, I would say from my heart: *"Mom I love you for taking such good care of me when I was small--for protecting me and for starting my life off right. I love you for understanding me during my adolescence—for helping me to conquer my problems and for giving me just the right amount of freedom. I love you for never changing, even though I changed. I love you for being my lifelong friend."*

Do not cry and be sad that she is gone. Rather smile and be glad that she was.

Final thanks to Nancy Walker of the Funeral Consumers Alliance of Central Texas and for tender loving care from Heart of Texas Cremations. If desired, send memorials for Pat to the Austin Humane Society, 124 W. Anderson Lane, Austin, Texas 78752; online at www.austinhumanesociety.org.