



Mrs. Eula Loretta Risica

May 16, 2022

Eula “Loretta” Risica went into the loving arms of Jesus at the age of 92 on May 16, 2022 in McAllen, Texas. Loretta was born in Oklahoma to Retie Ceula & Harvey D. Cash.

In the late 1930s, the Harvey Cash family moved to Lyford, Texas, where Loretta and her 8 siblings grew up listening to their daddy preach on Sundays at Sardis Primitive Baptist Church, learning how to farm with the family, and snacking on cantaloupe & gravy. The importance of hard work, family togetherness and attending church on Sunday mornings were ingrained in Loretta at an early age. Those are values that she instilled in her own children and carried on throughout the rest of her life.

Loretta moved to San Antonio, Texas to attend business school at the age of 16, where she met the love of her life, Sam Risica. A love story for the ages, Loretta and Sam built a life together worthy of admiration. After marrying in San Antonio and having their first son, Ron, family ties pulled them back to the Rio Grande Valley. They went on to have 3 more sons, Pat, Tony and Mike, and started a glass business the year after Mike was born. Sam, an ambitious entrepreneur and social butterfly, was successful in his business ventures in large part due to his better half, Loretta. With a gentle ability to act as the voice of reason, along with her sharp business skills, Loretta quietly supported the family business as it grew from the Edinburg Glass Company to Risica & Sons, Inc. when all their four boys grew older and showed an interest in joining the company.

Once Sam passed in 1984, Loretta continued on as the matriarch of both the family and the glass business. She referred to herself many times as both the accountant and the referee when things between the boys got too intense - once again using her gentle gift of reason. Though Sam passed at an early age, Loretta never had the desire to remarry. A fiercely devoted wife, Loretta stated that she had already experienced "the love of a lifetime" with Sam, and she claimed that she found strength and love from her family after he was gone.

While working with her four boys each day was her truest joy and blessing, Loretta also enjoyed attending social groups, such as Book Club, PEO and the Valley Symphony Orchestra. She served as a member on various boards, including the Band Booster Club, Aggie Moms Club, 4-H Club and The Museum of South Texas History. Loretta was also awarded Edinburg Woman of the Year.

There is no family more thankful for the mother, grandmother, mother in law, aunt, cousin and friend that Loretta was. She considered her family "the joy of her life" and always made sure that each person she came in contact with left her presence feeling more important and special.

Loretta is preceded in death by her husband Sam Risica, her parents Retie & Harvey Cash, and her brothers Milton, John Troy, Don, Lyndon & Aaron. She is survived by her 4 loving sons, Ron (Neva), Pat (Kim), Tony (Tammie) and Mike, and her 3 sisters, Leatha Jeffrey, Laree Morrow and Lela Adams. Loretta leaves behind a legacy through her 12 grandchildren: Ashley, Amy, Heather, Chelsey, Kasey, Brooke, Shelby, Jordan, Taylor, Reilly, Cedar and Trevor.

Watching her family grow was Loretta's greatest treasure. She was overjoyed to meet each of her 18 great grandchildren. Sadly, she didn't have the privilege of meeting her 19th great grandchild and first namesake, Leighton Loretta, due to arrive in August 2022. While it saddens us all that she'll no longer be around to continue watching her family grow, we are comforted by the thought that her legacy lives on through the next generation.

Pallbearers will be Jordan Risica, Trevor Risica, Reilly Brinkley, Todd Cash, Sam Morrow, Joey Morrow and Matt Adams.

Visitation will be held at Kreidler Funeral Home on Friday, May 20 from 6-8PM. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, May 21 at 10AM at Calvary Baptist Church in McAllen, followed by a burial at Hillcrest Memorial Cemetery in Edinburg. A reception to celebrate Loretta's life will be held at the Echo Hotel immediately following the burial.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Museum of South Texas History.

Previous Events

Visitaion with family

MAY **20**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kreidler Funeral Home, Inc.
314 N 10th St.
McAllen, TX 78501
(956) 686-0234
kreidler@sbcglobal.net
<http://www.kreidlerfuneralhome.com/index.html>

Funeral Service

MAY **21**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Calvary Baptist Church
1600 Harvey Dr
McAllen, TX 78501

Burial will follow

MAY **21** (CT)

Hillcrest Memorial Park
Edinburg, TX

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Eula Loretta Risica*

October 08, 2023 at 09:43 PM



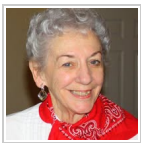
“ *Mrs. Risica was my very first neighbor; the first I remember anyway. She was a dear friend to my grandparents Gillespie and Sara Baker. She always answered the door and greeted me with a smile, kind words and sometimes fresh baked cookies! I was so pleased when I bought my childhood home and was able to be her neighbor again. She is one of the special people of my childhood and beyond that I will always remember fondly. I am so very sorry to hear of her passing. Rest in Peace sweet neighbor.*

Courtney Villarreal - January 26, 2023 at 10:09 PM



“ *Mrs. Eula Loretta Risica*

November 29, 2022 at 06:40 AM



“ *Goodnes, I know she will be missed! She and I went to public school together in Lyford, TX In the good old days!! Esther Ruth Box Damron.*

Esther Damron - May 24, 2022 at 12:27 PM

MB

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Loretta.
What a wonderful lady. My thoughts and
prayers are with the Risica family.

Myles



Myles Beeching - May 23, 2022 at 08:31 AM

MS

“ Our condolences to the Risica Family
Prayers for a healing heart
Brad & Mary Stewart

Mary Stewart - May 21, 2022 at 12:05 PM

CD

“ Dear Risica family,
My thoughts and prayers are with each of you as you find
yourselves without Loretta's precious smile on this earth. She
leaves behind the most amazing legacy of love in each of you!
I feel so very blessed to have had time to share with her, to laugh
with her, and to hear stories about each of her sons she loved so
very much. I will continue to think of you as you celebrate her life
this weekend!
All my best,
Crystal Dockery

Crystal Dockery - May 18, 2022 at 05:11 PM

CR

“ 3 files added to the album Family



Crystal - May 18, 2022 at 05:03 PM

MB

So sorry to hear about Loretta. My prayers go out to her loving family. She will be missed by many and forgotten by none. Love you all.

merlene bledsoe - September 02, 2022 at 01:03 AM

AM

“ Dear Risica Family,

I am so sorry to hear of Aunt Loretta's passing. She touched my life in untold ways when I married Sam. Our many conversations and laughs will never be forgotten. I consider myself to be lucky to have married into this family and to have forged a friendship with her. She lived BIG, loved even BIGGER and while she will be missed, oh what a life she had. Love you all. Missy & Sam Morrow

Allyson Morrow - May 18, 2022 at 03:27 PM

MK

Mrs. Risica was such a beautiful loving lady. I know Kasey has been blessed with a wonderful grandma. My condolences to Kasey and her wonderful family. Love to all the Risica family. From Mike & Karen Houts. ❤️🌸🙏✝️

Mike & Karen Houts, Kristen & Kara - May 18, 2022 at 07:49 PM



Our deepest condolences to you all. A lovely lady is now gracing heaven. Love you all.

Grace Buchanan - May 19, 2022 at 04:34 PM

NG

*Ms Loretta - was a VERY special lady - will always have a HUGE place in my heart.....she glistened in everything she did..... She was the president - when I was inducted into PEO....a special bond created!! We shared sooooo many laughs, thoughts, family stories and cocktails.....
She was loved and will be greatly missed.....!!!!*

Nancy Garza - May 20, 2022 at 04:40 PM