

Gwendolyn Hardcastle Risinger

Gwendolyn Hardcastle Risinger, age 82, died on June 9, 2024 at Frederick Memorial Hospital in Frederick, Maryland. She was born August 27, 1941 in Muleshoe, Texas and was the first of 4 children of John William Hardcastle (1911-1998) and Dorothy Evangeline Bellar Hardcastle (1917-2005).

The family moved often while John Hardcastle served in the Army Air Force, which later became the U. S. Air Force. He served 20 years during and after World War 2. Gwen lived with the family while he was stationed at Tinker Air Base, Oklahoma, Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany, Kirtland Air Base, New Mexico, Shaw Air Base, South Carolina and Johnson Air Base, Japan.

Gwen attended Texas Technological College which later became Texas Tech University. She met and married Thaddeus (Thad) Risinger, Jr there. The couple moved to Oxnard, California and had 2 sons, Thaddeus (Ted) Risinger, III and John William Risinger. The family moved to Maryland where she graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in Computer Science; and the family welcomed son, Kirk Andrew Risinger. Gwen joined General Electric Information Services as a Product Support Specialist, later becoming a manager in the Client Services Organization. She later worked as a Senior Development Engineer.

After retiring, she and Than relocated to Blanco, Texas. There she volunteered at the Blanco Library and the Texas Extension Education Association. Gwen was a member of the Blanco Women's Club and the Lindendale Schoolhouse Association. She was a voracious reader with a fondness for science, fiction, fantasy and fiction. Gwen enjoyed gathering with friends and loved ones, traveling and collecting thimbles and antiques.

Gwen was preceded in death by her son, Ted Risinger; her husband, Thad Risinger; and her sister, Barbara Hawkins. She is survived by sons, John (Donna Forsythe) Risinger and Kirk (Amy) Risinger; sister, Daphene Willoughby; brother, Joseph (Karen) Hardcastle; and 6 grandchildren; several nieces and nephews and other family beloved family members.