

## Irma Charlene Alf Obituary

*From Holt & Holt Funeral Home website*

Irma Charlene Alf, 84, of Boerne, passed away peacefully on December 18, 2018 after an extended battle with Alzheimer's. The family will receive guests for a time of visitation from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday, December 28, 2018 at Holt & Holt Funeral Home in Boerne. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, December 29, 2018 at Faith Bible Church (located at 1 Bergmann Road in Boerne) to be followed by interment at Jones Cemetery in Kendalia.

Charlene was born on August 24, 1934 in San Antonio, Texas to Carl Gustav and Hildegard Traeger. She attended Hot Wells High School where she was involved in the Drum and Bugle Corps, The Scotch Lassies. She was Valedictorian of the Class of 1952, the last graduating class of Hot Wells High School. Following high school, she attended Texas Lutheran College and graduated in 1956 with a Bachelor of Arts degree and a four-year certificate in Parish Work. She was involved in many activities during her time at Texas Lutheran. The most significant of these was the Texas Lutheran College Choir which not only fostered her lifelong love of music, but led to some lifelong friendships as well. It was also at Texas Lutheran that she met future husband, Ernest Edward "Ernie" Alf. They were married on June 16, 1957 and celebrated 52 years together before being parted by his death on October 27, 2009.

Charlene and Ernie were residents of Boerne since 1972. In 1974, she joined the staff of the Kendall County Abstract Company. Affectionately known as "Charlie" to customers and staff alike, her career here spanned 30 years culminating with her retirement in July 2004. She was also active in her church and community, serving on the Missions Board of Boerne Bible Church and the board of the Hill Country Pregnancy Care Center. She was also a long-standing member of Bible Study Fellowship. Her life of quiet, but active faith affected more people than she will ever know.

Charlene is survived by her brother, Karl Traeger (Lucy); her children: Karl Alf (Jaton) of Rosenberg, Marie Tehas (Paul) of Boerne, Jan Kempf (Ben) of Denver, Colorado, and Kenneth Alf (Sheri) of Tarpley; as well as twelve grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, three nieces, and three nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Carl Gustav Traeger; her mother, Hildegard Traeger; her sister, Barbara Smouse; her nephew, Keith Larson; and her beloved husband of 52 years, Ernie Alf.

The family would like to express their gratitude to William Holt of Holt & Holt Funeral Home, Pastor Charlie McCall, Pastor Tim Ekno, and Charlene's church families at Boerne Bible Church and Faith Bible Church. In addition, the family would like to extend a special thanks to Dan and Ana Negru at Caring 4 Seniors for their loving and compassionate care over the last year plus. They truly adopted her as their own and we are forever grateful.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations can be made to the Hill Country Pregnancy Care Center or the Alzheimer's Association to honor Charlene's memory.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of the staff at Holt & Holt Funeral Home of Boerne. To view the tribute video or share words of comfort with the family, please visit [www.holtfh.com](http://www.holtfh.com).