



Josephine Hess Kelsay

March 28, 1924 - April 26, 2021

Family burial services for Josephine Hess Kelsay, of Groveland, Jack County, Texas and Dallas, Texas will be held at 10:00 am on Monday, May 3, 2021 at the Perrin Memorial Gardens, Perrin, Texas.

Mrs. Kelsay was born on March 28, 1924 in Evanston, Illinois, to Merriman Hess and Ethel Freeman Hess. She married Royal Edward Kelsay, Jr. on March 11, 1950 in Wilmette, Illinois. She was a Congregationalist, a graduate of Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota, and an inveterate traveler, who had visited every state in the United States and Mexico, and every country in Central America.

She was predeceased by a son, James Merriman Kelsay in 2008, and husband, Royal Edward Kelsay in 2015, and is survived by one daughter, Janet Elaine Kelsay of Dallas, two sons, Royal Edward Kelsay III of Divide, Colorado, and Douglas Martin Kelsay of Bastrop, ten grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, one sister, Virginia Hess Fender of Glenview, Illinois, one niece and one nephew.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations to the Kelsay Special Needs Trust, 2611 Harbinger Lane, Dallas, Texas, 75287, on the behalf of our autistic grandson from Peru, who taught us a greater acceptance of life despite adversity.

Cemetery Details

Perrin Memorial Gardens

300 Back Cemetery Road
Perrin, TX 76486

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Josephine Hess Kelsay*

October 09, 2023 at 04:16 AM



“ *Josephine Hess Kelsay*

January 28, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ *James And Debbie King lit a candle in memory of Josephine Hess Kelsay*



James and Debbie King - May 06, 2021 at 10:29 PM



“ *Melba Mower lit a candle in memory of Josephine Hess Kelsay*



Melba Mower - May 02, 2021 at 11:44 AM



“ *I got to know Jo really well when Mr. Hess was a resident at Jacksboro Healthcare Center. I always loved visiting with her. I remember when you adopted your child from Peru.*
Virginia Martin.

Virginia Martin - April 30, 2021 at 06:59 PM

TM

“ *Tim And Cathy McAnear lit a candle in memory of Josephine Hess Kelsay*



Tim and Cathy McAnear - April 29, 2021 at 01:15 PM

BM

“ *Bob And Roxanna Maddox lit a candle in memory of Josephine Hess Kelsay*



Bob and Roxanna Maddox - April 27, 2021 at 09:41 AM

JK

“ *James And Debbie King lit a candle in memory of Josephine Hess Kelsay*



James and Debbie King - April 26, 2021 at 09:17 PM