

## *Acknowledgment*

The Alexander family would like to especially thank the Steele family, Judy, and Tess Polk for bringing Mila such joy and wonderful memories these last few years. Thank all of you for spending time with her and making her happy. May God bless all of you for the love and kindness you extended to our beloved Mila.

We are forever grateful to God for His gift of this fun, wonderful, kind, generous, selfless woman. We love you dearly Mila!

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## *Celebrating The Life Of* *Mrs. Mila Alexander*



*Sunrise*  
October 7, 1940

*Sunset*  
July 27, 2022



# *In Loving Memory*

Mila Mae Alexander was born on October 7, 1940, in Rosebud, Texas. She was the only child of parents Icey and Lee Roy Campbell. She grew up in West Town, graduated from Central high school in 1958, and majored in Math at the University of Oklahoma. She worked as a “number cruncher” (as she put it) at Tinker Air Force Base and later worked in the airplane hangar alongside her beloved father. She retired from Tinker after 30 years.

As a child, Mila loved to go next door and play with the Steele family who became lifelong friends. Mila had the most hilarious stories. One of her favorites was about the high chair that the Steele’s father brought her so that she could sit in it outside their window while watching television “with” the Steele children. Her half-brother, Joe Nathan, convinced her there was big money to be made picking cotton so she tried it since she needed money to go to the fair—she only lasted a few hours and filled half of a small sack. She hated the nursery that her mother made her go to as a young child and asked her mother why she would pay somebody to be mean to her. Mila developed a life-long hatred for the sauerkraut and beets that the nursery served.

She had one child, Kermit Alexander, from her marriage to John Alexander. Mila was a beloved mother-in-law to Terri and beloved grandmother to 4 grandchildren: Kermit II, Joshua, Naomi, and Daniel Alexander. They will greatly miss her hilarious stories, her and Terri buying out every Dollar Tree in OKC, playing dominoes with Daniel, going to Naomi’s dance recitals, being so proud of Kermit II graduating from college AND getting a job, Joshua working out while talking to her, hearing her “exclaim” around firecrackers, eating lots of chocolate, telling her jokes,

watching Joshua’s hockey and chess games (although she could barely follow that “little black dot”), her and Tess staying up all night talking about old times, everyone being spoiled by her, and just being with her lovable self.

As a mother, she exposed Kermit to many types of activities. Once, she took him on a canoeing trip up the Illinois River (and she could not swim). The canoe turned over, but Kermit and Mila both had life jackets on. Another time they went skiing in New Mexico. Kermit loved it, but Mila took enough lessons to learn how to get up when she had fallen. And that was all she wanted to know. She took him on many more trips, just to let him see the world (such as the Bahamas and Mexico) That foundation gave her son a lot of confidence about dealing with the world.

One lesser known story is about how she sued the federal government for discrimination while working at Tinker Air Force Base in the 1970s. She could not afford the type of lawyer necessary, so she handled the case herself. She spent many hours reviewing documents and ultimately won her case. They moved her from a desk job (maybe GS-11 or GS-13) to bucking rivets on airplanes (maybe GS-16). She hated heights but was not turning down this promotion.

Mila was preceded in death by her beloved parents, Icey and Lee Roy Campbell and her beloved half-brother, Joe Nathan. She is survived by her son, Kermit, Terri, her four grandchildren, and numerous cousins and friends. Because she spent hours listening and talking to Mila, Terri became her second favorite person after Kermit. Their interaction was truly a blessing to Mila.