



Mary Ruth Underbrink El-Hakam

September 18, 1943 - February 4, 2025

Mary Ruth Underbrink El-Hakam, 81, of Sugar Land, Texas passed away on February 4, 2025.

Mary Ruth was born on September 18, 1943 in Corpus Christi, Texas to Beatrice Johnson Underbrink and Urban Louis Underbrink. Mary grew up in the small town of Charco, Texas and graduated from Goliad High School. She then attended the University of Texas at Austin where she received her B.A. in 1965.

After graduation, Mary taught high school English and Spanish. After moving to Houston, she met and married the love of her life, Bakri Moustapha El-Hakam in 1971. Mary and Bakri began raising their four children in Houston, moving to Sugar Land in 1990. Mary was an exceptional homemaker and the Vice President of Middle East Equipment Company, an export business she owned with her husband.

Mary was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, sister, niece, aunt, and friend. Mary's greatest joy came from opening her home and heart to family and friends. She masterfully blended her Texas roots with her husband's Lebanese heritage, becoming known for her exceptional Lebanese cuisine, warm hospitality, loving and generous nature, and humorous spirit. She enjoyed traveling the world, taking family vacations, cooking, watching

Western movies, reading mystery novels, learning and speaking different languages, including Arabic, and dancing. She especially loved dancing with Bakri at Lebanese restaurants and at the countless family weddings they attended as their family grew. Above all, she cherished time spent with her grandchildren, whose presence and accomplishments brought her endless delight.

Mary is survived by her loving husband of over 53 years, Bakri El-Hakam of Sugar Land, Texas; her sister Nellie Mae Barnes of Lincoln, Maine; her son Moustapha El-Hakam (Rebekah) of Bellaire, Texas; and her three daughters, Leila El-Hakam (Matias Adroque) of Houston, Texas, Beatrice Schreiber (Brad) of Valencia, California, and Amira Love (Christopher) of Sugar Land, Texas. Her legacy lives on through her 13 beloved grandchildren, Athena, Bakri, Matias, Maddux, Mason, Gabriel, Cesar, Trinity, Leeland, Johnny, Bobby, Starla and Jimmie. She also leaves behind numerous cherished extended family and friends.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Beatrice and Urban Underbrink, and her brothers Urban L. Underbrink and Robert L. Underbrink.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate Mary's life at Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd., Rosenberg, Texas 77471. Visitation will be held Saturday, February 8, 2025 from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m., followed by a funeral service beginning promptly at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel. She will be laid to rest in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Expressions of remembrance and condolences are welcome and may be left for the family at www.davisgreenlawnfh.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd. (Hwy 59 South @ FM 2218), Rosenberg, Texas 77471,

Phone: 281-341-8800.

Tribute Wall

RR

“ There will always be a very special place in my heart for my beautiful cousin Mary Ruth. The memory of her kindness and loving heart and the joy she gave in friendship to many will be everlasting. Love, Rosalie Richter

ROSALIE RICHTER - February 12, 2025 at 06:35 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ruth Underbrink El-Hakam.



February 07, 2025 at 07:06 PM

JB

“ Julie Koriath & Joe and Susan Babic purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Ruth Underbrink El-Hakam.



Julie Koriath & Joe and Susan Babic - February 07, 2025 at 04:59 PM

BF

“ Bashir Koleilat family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Ruth Underbrink El-Hakam.



Bashir Koleilat family - February 07, 2025 at 12:23 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Ruth Underbrink El-Hakam.

February 07, 2025 at 10:34 AM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Mary Ruth Underbrink El-Hakam.



February 07, 2025 at 10:34 AM



“ *Sammy & Soledad Khoury & Family* purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Mary Ruth Underbrink El-Hakam.



Sammy & Soledad Khoury & Family - February 07, 2025 at 10:26 AM



“ *Sammy & Soledad Khoury & Family* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ruth Underbrink El-Hakam.

Sammy & Soledad Khoury & Family - February 07, 2025 at 10:26 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Ruth Underbrink El-Hakam.

February 07, 2025 at 09:58 AM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Ruth Underbrink El-Hakam.*



February 07, 2025 at 09:58 AM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Mary Ruth Underbrink El-Hakam.*



February 07, 2025 at 09:36 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Ruth Underbrink El-Hakam.*

February 07, 2025 at 09:36 AM



“ *Wishing you comfort, The Mossmans purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary Ruth Underbrink El-Hakam.*



Wishing you comfort, The Mossmans - February 07, 2025 at 09:25 AM

WM

“ Wishing you comfort, The Mossmans planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ruth Underbrink El-Hakam.

Wishing you comfort, The Mossmans - February 07, 2025 at 09:25 AM

LM

“ Love Nellie Mae planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ruth Underbrink El-Hakam.

Love Nellie Mae - February 07, 2025 at 12:46 AM

LM

“ Love Nellie Mae purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Mary Ruth Underbrink El-Hakam.



Love Nellie Mae - February 07, 2025 at 12:46 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Ruth Underbrink El-Hakam.



February 06, 2025 at 07:35 PM

TF

“ *The Chahin Family purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Mary Ruth Underbrink El-Hakam.*



The Chahin Family - February 06, 2025 at 07:23 PM

MF

“ *Mary Louise, Brenda, & Joy Tam & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ruth Underbrink El-Hakam.*

Mary Louise, Brenda, & Joy Tam & Family - February 06, 2025 at 05:59 PM

MF

“ *Mary Louise, Brenda, & Joy Tam & Family purchased the Care and Compassion Spray for the family of Mary Ruth Underbrink El-Hakam.*



Mary Louise, Brenda, & Joy Tam & Family - February 06, 2025 at 05:59 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mary Ruth Underbrink El-Hakam.*



February 06, 2025 at 04:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Ruth Underbrink El-Hakam.

February 06, 2025 at 04:46 PM



“ Mignon, Steve, Alexandra & Stephen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ruth Underbrink El-Hakam.

Mignon, Steve, Alexandra & Stephen - February 06, 2025 at 02:21 PM



“ Mignon, Steve, Alexandra & Stephen purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Ruth Underbrink El-Hakam.



Mignon, Steve, Alexandra & Stephen - February 06, 2025 at 02:21 PM



“ Hulays Family(Azam and Youman) purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Ruth Underbrink El-Hakam.



Hulays Family(Azam and Youman) - February 06, 2025 at 01:32 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Ruth Underbrink El-Hakam.



February 06, 2025 at 10:29 AM



“ Wanda and Ernie Sims planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ruth Underbrink El-Hakam.

Wanda and Ernie Sims - February 06, 2025 at 10:26 AM



“ Wanda and Ernie Sims purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Mary Ruth Underbrink El-Hakam.



Wanda and Ernie Sims - February 06, 2025 at 10:26 AM



“ Rosalie Pina purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mary Ruth Underbrink El-Hakam.



Rosalie Pina - February 06, 2025 at 10:03 AM

NS

“ Mary Ruth was such a good friend when we attended UT in Austin so I was saddened to see that she had passed. After remembering our great times together with all the laughs, I was happy for her to be rejoicing and laughing with Jesus! No more pain...only love!

Nancy Steinle - February 06, 2025 at 09:19 AM

KA

“ Kelle Albrecht planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ruth El-Hakam.

Kelle Albrecht - February 06, 2025 at 09:15 AM

KA

“ Kelle Albrecht purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Ruth Underbrink El-Hakam.



Kelle Albrecht - February 06, 2025 at 09:15 AM

HA

“ Horacio and Sarita Adroque purchased the Sacred Garden Spray for the family of Mary Ruth Underbrink El-Hakam.



Horacio and Sarita Adroque - February 05, 2025 at 05:40 PM