



Christine Pavalko

Christine Pavalko passed away on October 6, 2015 following a brief illness, but a very long and full life. She was born on May 24, 1924 in Boston, Massachusetts, to Howard Fuss Sr. and Olive Morris Fuss. She is preceded in death by her parents, brothers George and Howard Fuss, her first husband Edward "Pete" Rodrigue and their son Robby, and her second husband Joseph Martin Pavalko. Christine is survived by her daughter Roxanne Atkinson, grandchildren Tony, Paige and Audrey Atkinson, brother John Fuss and sister-in-law Betty Fuss, and sister Rosie Breda, and a host of other family and friends. Christine spent her childhood in Narragansett, Rhode Island before the family relocated to Port Arthur, Texas. She entered the nursing profession as a graduate of the John Sealy College of Nursing of the University of Texas Medical Branch, and began her career as a public health nurse. She moved on to her real love, school nursing, working in elementary schools in Port Arthur, Texas, at J.Frank Dobie High School in Houston, and retiring from AB Freeman Elementary of the PISD. Known as "Nana" to almost everyone, Christine became a family icon in her later years. In residence with her daughter and grandchildren, she was part of a lively household and contributed so meaningfully to the memories of our time. Everyone has a "Nanaism" relevant to her quirky comments on the subject of the day. We will never forget the sweetness and grace that made her the loving mother and grandmother, and beautiful person she was. Our hearts will be incomplete for a very long time. A special thank you to Yadira Martinez and the staff of Home

Instead Senior Care for their loving care and support during Mom's last year with us. We are so grateful. A memorial mass will be held Monday, October 19, 2015 at 10:00 am at Saint Augustine Catholic Church 5560 Laurel Creek Way in Houston, Texas 77017 Mom, I promise to take care of the roses.