



## Katherine Inez Magrini

June 16, 1942 - June 3, 2020

Katherine Inez Magrini was born to Marshall Edward and Inez Jackson on June 16, 1942 in Drumright, Oklahoma. She had five siblings: Christine Perryman, Calvin Jackson, Naomi Chasteen, Marshall Jackson, and Phillip Jackson. Katherine graduated from Central High School in Tulsa with advanced standing in Music, Theory, and Harmony; she maintained a deep affection for music throughout her life. A member of St. John's Episcopal Church, she enjoyed taking part in the choir and in 2018 she donated a Bennett and Giuttari continuo organ in hopes of filling her church home and others' lives with the joy she felt for music.

Katherine adored the ebullience of the holiday season, making contributions to the productions of Handel's *The Messiah*; coaxing her brothers to dress as Santa Clause and provide gifts for the children (even going so far as to have sleigh bells jingle on the roof); and burning letters in gypsies' fires for pot-of-gold-scamper hunts during St. Patrick's Day. She was an extraordinary woman with a passion for life.

At 25, Katherine was the first woman member of both the Tulsa Area Manufacturer's Association and the youngest General Manager of the Barnes Group, Inc.. Katherine owned Gardner Spring, Inc., a 113-year-old spring manufacturing company, that she transplanted from Chicago to Tulsa in the 1960's, and was the sole owner for more than 30 years. She took pleasure in the fact that Gardner Spring, Inc. shared its 100th anniversary with Oklahoma's centennial celebration as a state. Although Gardner Spring, Inc. was the business that was the largest part of Katherine's life, she owned many businesses: a chime company and two dance studios (Arthur Murray and Fred Astaire), in Southern California with her first husband; MaGardni Spring and Washer Inc.; Katherine's Supremes Chocolate (Okie Pow'r Inc.); Gardner Stock, Inc.; Santa Fe Springs; and Midwestern Metal Finishing Company.

Katherine was a founding member of the Committee of 200, which is an invitation-only organization for the world's most successful businesswomen. She was an active member of the Tulsa community as: a member of the 40th anniversary of the Girls Club of America,

Inc.; Tulsa Philharmonic Association's entertainment committee; two years on the board of Directors of Tulsa Manufacturing Association; 6 years in active capacity for the Mother's Club of Cascia Hall Preparatory for Boys; patron of Gilcrease Museum Association; President of the Daughters of the King; assistant treasurer for Children's Day Nursery; resident and member of Maple Ridge Association; and a member of the Metropolitan Tulsa Chamber of Commerce. Philbrook Museum of Art was especially important to her. She was the leading hostess for multiple Pacer's perfect settings at Philbrook Museum, a docent, and member of the Master's Society of Philbrook Art Museum Association. She also belonged to several National Associations: Daughter of the Confederacy; associate member of the Trilateral Commission; member of the Statue of Liberty - Ellis Island Foundation, Inc.; American Hardware and Manufacturer Association; Southern Hardware and Manufacturer Association; Spring Manufacturers Institute; an appointed director of CAFCA; member of Central States Industrial Distributors Association; long standing member of Republican National Committee; and a proud member of the NRA (her favorite gun was a 9mm Browning called "The Judge"). She also opposed the death penalty and made many contributions throughout her life to oppose its legislation. Katherine passed away at Cornerstone Hospital on June 3, 2020 surrounded by love and prayers. She was a vibrant woman who was greatly loved by all who knew her. She will be remembered for her vivacious story-telling and philanthropic spirit.

Katherine is survived by her son Gordon Todd Skinner, her three grandchildren Morgan, Katherine, and Olivia, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Katherine was married to her husband Gary from 1981-1998. Her ashes will be laid to rest beside him at Floral Haven Cemetery in Tulsa.

Her funeral will be held at Fitzgerald's Ivy Chapel, 1402 S. Boulder, in Tulsa, and will occur on what would have been her 78th birthday, June 16, 2020. The funeral will be a smaller gathering due to current restrictions, but if you are interested in coming please contact her granddaughter Katherine. The family thanks you for your support.

Fitzgerald Ivy Chapel, 918-585-1151

# Cemetery

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**Floral Haven Cemetery**  
6500 S. 129th East Avenue  
Broken Arrow, OK, 74012

# Events

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**JUN 16 Memorial** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Fitzgerald Ivy Chapel  
1402 South Boulder Avenue, Tulsa, OK, US, 74119

# Comments

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Katherine Inez Magrini.



June 15, 2020 at 11:21 AM

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“ Miss Katherine was a special person to me, I came from Peru in 1980, I visited Tulsa the following year, I met her through my pastor Mr. Victor Orta, she gave me a job as a butler in her house, as her driver, some times in her factory, she liked to play her piano, one day I said I like to play guitar, she asked me to bring it to play with her, I said, I gave it away to a lady at church that was learning how to play it, miss Katherine sent me with her son Todd to the music store to buy a guitar for me, I picked up a second hand one, when we arrived to her house, she asked me why I didn't pick up an electric one, another day she knew her cook was selling her car, she bought it and gave it to me, she gave a job in her office to a female lady from my church, her father passed away in New York, my friend asked me to help her to drive to New York for the funeral, I asked miss Katherine permission for a couple of days, after telling her the reason, she bought airlines tickets for my friend and me to go for the funeral, I am very grateful and I will remember her for the rest of my life.

**Daniel Cosvalente** - June 15, 2020 at 08:42 AM

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“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Katherine Inez Magrini.



June 15, 2020 at 08:41 AM

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“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Katherine Inez Magrini.



June 08, 2020 at 02:23 PM

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“ Our heartfelt condolences to all the family ! We are thankful for all the special memories we had together with Kaherine.

**Carol Jackson** - June 06, 2020 at 08:10 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Katherine Inez Magrini.



June 06, 2020 at 02:39 PM

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“ Ning Gao & Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Katherine Inez Magrini.



**Ning Gao & Family** - June 06, 2020 at 01:12 PM

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“ Kathy was one of the nicest down to earth person one could meet. A great big kind heart.

Loved the Lord, music, art and especially animals. God bless her kind soul, she will be a star in heaven ! Deepest sympathy to her family. Dona and Joe Morris.

**Dona and Joe Morris** - June 06, 2020 at 12:39 PM

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Katherine Inez Magrini.



June 05, 2020 at 09:23 AM

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“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Katherine Inez Magrini.



June 03, 2020 at 03:52 PM