



## Adeen Savannah Raines McNiel

May 18, 1924 - July 14, 2015

Adeen Savannah Raines McNiel was born on May 18, 1924, in Leon County, Texas. She went to be with her Lord on July 14, 2015. Adeen was one of eight children born to Willie Henry and Evalena Bilderback Raines. She attended school in Buffalo, Texas. However, when her father passed away, she was forced to leave school and get a job at the hotel in Centerville, Texas. In 1940 Adeen moved to San Antonio to live with her sister, Bernice, and to work at the San Antonio State Hospital. There she met her future husband, U. L. McNiel, Jr. She and her beloved U. L. were married on May 29, 1941. The marriage was blessed with four sons. The oldest is Anthony Lawrence born in 1943. U. L. was called into the army in 1944 and was stationed at Fort McClelland, Alabama. It was there that their second son, Uriah Lafayette III, was born. When U. L. was discharged from the army, they returned to San Antonio. There their family was blessed with two more sons, Jack Wayne and Van Henry. Adeen was primarily a working woman who stayed in the home and raised her children. However, she did work outside the home when necessary. She and her beloved U. L. sold enough Electrolux vacuum cleaners to win a car - a Rambler American. Adeen worked for Handy-Andy for a period of time. When U. L. was medically retired from the Southern Pacific Railroad, they were forced to make ends meet as best as they could. However, in their later years, they were able to live comfortably in their home in Sayers and then in San Antonio, Texas. They were both active members of Trinity Baptist Church in San Antonio. In addition, U. L. was at active member

of the Masonic Lodge and Adeen was an active member of the Order of the Eastern Star. When U. L.'s health began to deteriorate, they moved to a senior residence in San Marcos. There they became members of the First Baptist Church. Adeen's beloved U. L. went to be with his Lord on October 6, 2006. She filled her days with making quilts and playing cards. Her card playing buddies at the senior residence will miss her greatly. Adeen was preceded in death by her parents, Willie Henry and Eva Lena Raines; eight brothers and sisters; her youngest son, Van Henry; and her beloved U. L. She is survived by a son Anthony Lawrence and his wife Kathy, a son Uriah L. III and his wife Melody, a son Jack Wayne and his wife Kathy; 10 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Elmira McNiel; and a host of nephews and nieces and their children and grandchildren. She is also survived by a host of friends both in San Antonio and San Marcos. Visitation will be held on Monday, July 20, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Alamo Funeral Chapels. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. at Alamo Funeral Home with the interment to follow at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. For personal acknowledgement you may sign the guest book at [www.missionparks.com](http://www.missionparks.com)