



## Beryl Cole

June 7, 1919 - August 24, 2004

Beryl Cole left the arms of her family to rest in the arms of the Lord on August 24, 2004. She was born Abaline Beryl Perriguet in Lynn, Missouri on June 7, 1919. While attending college in Missouri in 1938, she met and married Bert "A. B." Cole. Bert and Beryl made their home in Midland until they moved to San Antonio in 1950.

Over the years Beryl was active in community affairs as President of the Texas State Parent Teachers Association, as President of the Delphian Society, as a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and the Women's Club. But it was after joining the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary that she found her true life's work.

For the Salvation Army, Beryl served as a board member of the Adult Rehabilitation Center and helped with the annual shoe-in and the Angel tree. As leader of the Army's Girl Guards, Beryl started working with five inner city girls teaching Christian living. The five quickly grew to sixty girls. As a 40 hour-a-week volunteer Beryl worked at the Army's Nolan Street and Hope Center facilities as well as the William Booth Apartments for senior citizens.

In 1977, she established the Salvation Army Pantry. Starting with a 3 'X 5' closet and 25 pound sacks each of rice and beans, under her management and direction over the next 25 years the Pantry grew to a 900 sq foot facility

distributing up to 100 boxes of emergency food weekly.

Beryl was the recipient of numerous community service awards including the San Antonio Humane Society's "Humane Ambassador Award"; the "Golden Rule Outstanding Volunteer" award from J C Penny Company; the "Jefferson Award" from the American Institute for Public Service and the San Antonio Light; the "Time to Care Volunteer Award" from KENS News; nomination into the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame; the "Volunteer of the Year Award" from the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary and from the Salvation Army the "Outstanding Volunteer Award, " a "Special Award for Outstanding Service Recruiting and Directing Volunteers" and the "Others Award:' She was most proud when the Salvation Army dedicated the pantry to her by naming it "Beryl's Pantry" in recognition of her untiring work to help feed San Antonio's needy.

Beryl Cole is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Andrea and Walter Sandifer; her granddaughter, Melissa Sandifer Beam, all of San Antonio; her sister, Audrey Richard of Eugene, Oregon; a niece, Roberta Wigley of Northfield, Minnesota, a nephew, Doug Richard of Eugene; and a host of friends.

To Irma Mellon, Betty Spiser, Bill and Marj Stetler and Helen Tingle: You sat by her side and held her hand and talked to her for hours on end when there was absolutely nothing coming back. We will love you forever.

The family wishes to express gratitude to Barbara Gomez, Beryl's caregiver during the last year of her life. Barbara made it all work.

Beryl Cole was a special lady. She will be missed.

SERVICES

Visitation will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday—August 26, 2004 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Friday—August 27, 2004 at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Mission Burial Park North.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Extending our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your loved one.*

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**Directors & Staff at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North** - August 26, 2004 at  
12:00 AM