



Bess Lochte

March 23, 1930 - March 5, 2014

Our dear mother Elizabeth Anne Sitterle Lochte was called to her heavenly home on March 5, 2014. Elizabeth "Bess" was born on March 23, 1930 in Houston, Texas, the fourth child of Cary and Arthur Sitterle. She grew up in Beaumont attending St. Ann's Catholic School. The family moved to San Antonio in 1943 where Bess attended Thomas Jefferson High School. She attended the University of St. Thomas in Houston and the University of Texas in Austin. She was married for 52 wonderful years to Erwin Richard "E.R." Lochte, Jr. who preceded her in death in 2004. Bess was a parishioner of St. Gregory's Catholic Church where she was a devout member of the Eucharistic Adoration Adorers. She enjoyed spending weekends at the family ranch in Willow City, Texas, annual trips to Rockport, New Orleans and Las Vegas. Her faith in God always guided her and was the source of her strength. Her devotion to Christ and the close relationships she fostered among her children and grandchildren is the legacy she leaves. Bess was preceded in death by her parents, sister Jeanne Hicks, brother Arthur "Ossie" Sitterle and son in law David Alan Linahan. She is survived by her children Dr. E. Richard Lochte III and wife Mary Ann, Cary Lochte Kopecky, Anne Linahan and husband Craig Kirby, Marci Aune and husband Jon, Traci Darr and husband David, nephew Ricky Gregorie and wife Jennifer. She was blessed with 23 grandchildren, Trey, Emily, Beth, Casey, Rich, Randy, Kristie, Katie, Jason, TJ, Chad, Mitch, Betsy, Chip, Ashley, Carson, Coy, Kaylee, Mary Catherine, Liesl, Cary, Keith, Lyndsie and 11 great-grandchildren. The family would like to thank the staff of

The Lodge at Leon Springs and her devoted caregivers, "Momma's Angels", for their love and care especially Felizidad, Cydie, Mia, LaToya, Bernice, Gayle, Annette, Chris and David. Angels watch over all of you. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Presentation Sisters, 8931 Callaghan Rd, San Antonio, 78230, or St. Gregory's Catholic School, 700 Dewhurst Rd, San Antonio, 78213. Visitation will be from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Friday, March 7, 2014 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North with the Rosary at 7:00 PM. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Gregory's Catholic Church on Saturday, March 8, 2014 at 9:00 AM. She will be laid to rest at San Fernando Cemetery No. 3.