



Bettie Louise Dietz

August 25, 1934 - July 21, 2016

Dietz, Bettie Louise Jobe – San Antonio

August 25, 1934 – July 21, 2016, Bettie Louise Dietz, 81, was born August 25, 1934 in Hartford, Arkansas. She passed away peacefully on July 21, 2016 in San Antonio to be with the Lord and to join her husband, Wilfred Will Dietz. An adoring wife and loving mother, she is survived by her five children Frank Dietz Michelle, Deborah Torvik Hilmar III, John Dietz, Sheila Brell Michael and Richard Dietz; her ten grandchildren William Dietz, Genevieve Higdon, April Bilbro, Hilmar IV Torvik, Amber Dietz, Russell Dietz, Malaurie Guerra, Reagan Brell, Ericka Brell and Adrianna Brell; and her eight great grandchildren; Lauren Smith, Kaylee Torvik, Hilmar V Torvik, Preston Johnson, Vincent Guerra, Haven Torvik, Samuel Dietz and Sawyer Dietz.

Bettie Louise Jobe Dietz was born to Elizabeth Jane Marcrum and William "Willie" Thomas Jobe. She was the fifth child of seven children and last survivor. Her siblings included Holmer, Roy Earl died at birth, John Thomas, Cora Alberta, William Thomas Buddy, Bobby Joe died at birth, Barbara Ann. She was born in a one room log cabin on the screen porch located on the side of a mountain north west of Hartford Arkansas. Her brother Buddy four years older told her she was purchased from the Sear Catalogue and the Doctor who delivered tried to swap me for a cow. But her mother said no. Bettie was supposed to be spelled Bette after the famous movie star Bette Davis but the

hospital added the "I" to her name.

Bettie grow up in Arkansas before migrating California. Her father Willie Jobe worked in a lumber yard and as coal miner before he acquired the farm where Bette was born. During her youth her family worked as laborers picking cotton, potatoes and other crops. They drove to California working in fields and living in tents and the back of a pickup truck. Bettie's father Willie and her brother Bobbie Joe past away and were buried in an unmarked grave in Arizona. Her father was of Choctaw decent and believed he would not go to Heaven until his burial sight was marked. It was Bettie's goal to place a headstone on her father's grave which she and her husband Will Dietz did not the 1980's. Bettie could not remember the number of times her family moved. However, she loved high school and was very social and active. Each year she tried to attend her class reunion in Bakersfield California.

Bettie met Wilford Will Dietz through her bothers Holmer and John Thomas. They were married on August 1, 1954. At the time, Wilford was a SGT in the US Airforce. Together they traveled the world and created a family with five children. They retired in San Antonio, TX and resided there until their passing. Bettie was a very patient, generous and compassionate person. She was a devoted wife, sister and mother. In her words "God gave me a good life, even though it seemed tough at times, but we always came out okay. I had a good husband, who was my best friend God rest his soul, and we have some five fine children". Bettie always remained positive and taught her family to live life and go after their dreams. She asked that you not to mourn her death but celebrate her life.