



## Betty J. Phillips

December 25, 1932 - October 19, 2020

Born to Joe and Ida Babb on Christmas Day in 1932, Betty Phillips always liked to say that she shared a birthday with Jesus. Her place of birth is Mabank, Texas, but she spent the majority of her childhood not far away in Corsicana. She then moved to Dallas as a young woman where she spent the bulk of her adult life. There, she met her husband, David, and had three children: Donna, Sam, and Dan. Her resolve and joy for life were unmistakable, having formed through overcoming personal tragedy after the drowning of her young sons in a boating accident.

In Dallas, Betty's professional life included employment at Mobile Oil. She and her husband David were active members of White Rock Methodist Church, their source of community and close friends. In 1968, Betty and her family moved to Sherman, Texas, where they lived for several years. Here, she acted as executive secretary to the comptroller of Austin College.

Throughout her life, Betty loved making her garden beautiful and traveling with her husband, which, after their retirement, took them all over the US. Betty was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She is preceded in death by her husband and two sons. She is survived by her daughter, Donna Ramirez; son-in-law, Dr. Ramiro Ramirez; grandchildren Jason Phillips, David Desai-Ramirez and wife Bijal Desai-Ramirez, Dr. Elizabeth Ramirez and husband Christopher Retelle. She had 5 great-

grandchildren: Austin and Katy Phillips, Layla and Serena Retelle, and Sahana Desai-Ramirez.

It is with love that we give thanks to Mom's very devoted caregivers, Isabel Solis and Yolanda Mendez who cared for her with great devotion and filled her final three years with peace. She loved and appreciated them both in return.

After passing peacefully in the comfort of her home on October 19 surrounded by loved ones, Betty will be laid to rest alongside her husband at Fort Sam Houston on October 28, 2020

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

OCT **28**. 9:30 AM (CT)

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery  
1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd  
San Antonio, TX 78209  
(210) 820-3891