



Clara Claudia Sommers

June 6, 1909 - June 22, 2005

Clara Arnold Sommers, age 96, passed away peacefully on June 22, 2005 at her home. She was a native and lifelong resident of San Antonio born on June 6, 1909 to Vesta Mahone and James Clark Arnold. She graduated from Main Avenue High School and attended Westmoreland College. She was preceded in death by her devoted husband of 56 years, Otto Wahrmond “Chulie” Sommers. Chulie was general manager of the City Public Service Board for 12 years. Survivors include her daughter, Clarita Johnson and husband Bill; granddaughter, Rita Schimpff and husband Skip; grandson, Pete Rozelle, Jr., great-grandchildren, Carter and Carrie Schimpff; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Clara, Chulie and their daughter Clarita were founding members of St. Luke’s Episcopal Church first located on Cloverleaf in Alamo Heights and were also pioneer residents to early North San Antonio, building one of the first homes on Sunset Road where Broadway, a dirt road at the time, ended. One of the favorite family pastimes was spending time at their beloved Rexall Farm, which was then on a slow paced rural Fredericksburg Road, where Clara took pleasure in the day to day operations of the Dairy as well as entertaining large groups of friends and family. Clara and Chulie enjoyed traveling and especially their trips with the Texas Cavaliers.

Clara’s independence was very important to her as well as living in her own home, driving, and caring for herself. In her last years, she delighted in the visits and companionship of her great-grandchildren and in particular, errands

run with Carter in his truck. Clara was a member of the San Antonio Country Club, Charity Ball Association, Live Oak Garden Club, San Antonio Conservation Society, and the San Antonio Zoological Society.

SERVICES

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 PM on Friday, June 24 at Mission Burial Park South Mausoleum Chapel with entombment to follow at Mission Burial Park South. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her honor to St. Luke's Episcopal Church Memorial Fund, 11 St. Luke's Lane, San Antonio, TX 78209, The San Antonio Zoological Society, 3903 N. St. Mary's, San Antonio, TX 78212, or to a charity of choice.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Dear Cousins,
I have the warmest childhood memories of Aunt Clara and Uncle Chulie at family dinners and back yard cookouts. Their loving and cheerful ways made a lasting impression on me. God bless your hearts.*

Barto & Jeanne Arnold - July 05, 2005 at 12:00 AM