



## Cordelia Brunette Beard Jenkins

January 8, 1921 - September 3, 2012

Our beloved Mother, Cordelia Brunette Beard Jenkins, 91, passed away September 3, 2012, after a long and fruitful life. Private cremation was held. Brunette was born on January 8, 1921, in Loop, Texas and raised in Lubbock, Texas where she attended First Baptist Church and graduated from Lubbock Senior High School. In 1944, she earned a B.A. in Speech and Drama at Texas Technological College Univ.. She had a beautiful, rich contralto voice, and during her college years she sang blues and torch songs on KFYO radio and traveled to multiple Texas cities for singing engagements. Her children remember their Mother as a good homemaker, as the house was filled with music, singing, and games along with the delectable aromas of the good food she made. After many years as a homemaker and world traveler as a military wife, she earned her M.S. in library Science at Our lady of the Lake University in 1968. She then re-entered the workforce in Civil Service as a Librarian at both Wilford Hall Medical Center Patient's Library and Social Actions Training Branch Library where she was awarded multiple commendations for her achievements during her working career. She retired in 1984 and thoroughly enjoyed her retirement as an avid bridge player and reader . Brunette is preceded in death by her parents Stephen and Martha Beard, brothers Lanier and Haskell Beard, sisters Stella Gaines and Bernice Evans. She is survived by her three daughters: Martha Eugenia Demers, Jane Jenkins, and Jill Jenkins; two grandchildren: Traci Ann Hatchett Pierce, Salim Abdeslam

and four great-grandchildren.

The family would like to extend their gratefulness to Dr. Michelle Scanlan and Dr. James Ogden and their staff for their continual quality care throughout her years. A special thank you to Patriot Heights Healthcare Center and especially to Margaret Koch, BSN, RN of Innovative Senior Care Hospice for her comforting care of our Mother.

Our Mother was "smart as a whip", had a quick sense of humor, and nothing got passed her. She and her humor will be sorely missed by her entire family. We will always love you, Mother, and we'll be seeing you.