



## Doris Arlene Mescher Southwell

May 19, 1931 - August 28, 2014

DORIS ARLENE MESCHER SOUTHWELL, passed peacefully into the arms of Jesus on August 28, 2014. Born May 19, 1931, in New Vienna, IA, she was the youngest of twelve children of Anton and Mary Mescher. She married her husband Richard on November 8, 1954, and moved to Texas. Doris graduated from St. Mary's School of Nursing in Rochester, MN and spent her first few years in Texas as a nurse in the neonatal unit of the Robert B. Green Hospital. She left nursing to raise a family with Richard. Together, they raised five sons, Mark Jill, Steve Eugenia, Timothy Valerie, Robert Melody, James Merry Ann and one daughter, Susan Gregory Padalecki. When all of her children went to school, she returned to nursing, this time taking care of elderly patients. She would spend 25 years working in long term care, eventually retiring as Director of Nursing at Four Seasons Nursing Center. She then became a full-time grandma who relished spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is survived by her 6 children and their spouses, 17 grandchildren and their spouses and soon to be 16 great-grandchildren, as well as 4 siblings, along with an enduring legacy of love. She will be dearly missed by all of her family and friends. We take solace in the wonderful and precious reunion she has had with The Lord, her husband Richard, her parents, siblings and many dear friends who have passed before her. Visitation will be held beginning at 5pm Thursday, September 4, 2014 at Dellcrest Funeral Chapel, 2023 S. W.W. White Rd., San Antonio, TX. It will be followed by a Rosary at 7pm. Funeral services will be held Friday, September

5, 2014, at 10am at St. Benedict's Catholic Church, 4535 Lord Rd., with Father Eddie Bernal officiating. Graveside services to follow at St. Jerome's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the charity of your choice.