



Dorothy Marie Criswell

March 1, 1916 - November 26, 2007

CRISWELL

Dorothy Marie Criswell of San Antonio went home to be with the Lord on November 26, 2007. She was a faithful member of Sherrill Hills Baptist Church and a devoted Christian. Mrs. Criswell was born on March 1, 1916 in Austin, Texas where she grew up. Her parents owned and operated the Maerki Bakery on Congress Ave. After attending the University of Texas Mrs. Criswell worked for the Texas Railroad Commission. During this time she met Thomas Criswell, a U.T. pharmacy major. After graduation they married and Mr. Criswell joined the Army. This was the beginning of many years of exciting travel taking them to numerous parts of the U.S., Korea and Japan. While in Japan she volunteered for the Red Cross, took cooking and Japanese flower arranging classes and traveled with the officer's wives club. She also enjoyed playing bridge, dominoes, football, rug making and oil painting. The most important part of Mom's life was her relationship with God and loving and enjoying the company of family and friends. Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Lt. Col. Thomas Criswell; her parents, Henry and Lillie Maerki; her sister, Minna Mae Maerki; and her brother, Stanley Maerki. She is survived by two daughters, Patricia Ann Castles and her husband Pike of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. and Jean Elizabeth Dale and her husband Bob of Houston, Texas. She also leaves four grandchildren; Robert Thomas Dale and wife Jacki; Kimberlye Marie Hastings and husband Rick; Cristopher Pike Castles and wife Kim; Randall Lee Castles and wife Kim ; 11 great

grandchildren, 1 niece and 4 nephews.

SERVICES

A visitation will be held from 6:00 - 8:00 PM on Thursday, November 29, 2007 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. A chapel service will be held at 9:00 AM on Friday, November 30, 2007 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North with interment to follow at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Sherrill Hills Baptist Church Missions Fund. Our love and appreciation go out for Martha Mac Lauchlan, mother's friend and companion and loving caregiver for many years; and to Rosemary Ndegwa and Alma Almeda of Integrity Services for their excellent care during her last days.

Tribute Wall

RM

“ *Dear Patsy, Jeannie & All The Family,*

All my love and prayers are with you. You have the best mother in the world. I do believe with all my heart I will meet her in the gates of heaven. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to care for your precious

Rosemary & Rafeal Moreno - November 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *Dear Cousins,*

Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers in this time of loss. We share the sorrow of her leaving us all behind, but celebrate her reunion with those who will be at the gates to welcome her home! Blessings, Ross & Sandy

Ross & Sandy Sterzing - November 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Dear Cousins,*

We would like to express our condolences at the loss of Aunt Dorothy. She was always very thoughtful and had a positive attitude. We will miss her. Our thoughts are with you.

*Love,
Martin and Phyllis*

Martin & Phyllis Maerki Weiner - November 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Dear Friends
My deepest sympathy to you all. You had such a wonderful mother, She was so kind in all her ways. Never in all the years do I remember her as an unkind lady. She was a sincere christian lady with a big heart, always thinking about others. I ha

Martha, James and family - November 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

IL

“ Dear Patsy, Jean & Family

Our prayers and deepest sympathy are with you in the loss of your loved one. God bless you and give you strength during this time.

Love,
Pam, Integrity Senior Care Staff & Caregivers.

INTEGRITY SENIOR CARE, LLC - November 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Dear Pike & Pat, and Family,
I am so thankful for many precious memories of great times with our parents. I'm glad they were such good friends. I will miss your mom, Pat, but I know the "foursome" is complete & there is probably a 42 game already going

Beverly Castles Hale - November 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ Please accept our sympathy and condolences on Aunt Dorothy's passing.

h. keith mephodie and virginia f. sterzing - November 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all in the coming days. Love Kathy*

Kathy Price - November 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GZ

“ *Dear Jean, Bob, and family,*

My mother and I are thinking of you in this time of sadness. Our prayers are with you and for your mother. Love, Gloria Zucaro and Fay Ward

Gloria J Zucaro - November 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ *Dear Family,*

I am so sorry to hear about Aunt Dorothy. Remember that we love all of you. I am sending hugs and kisses with Mom and Dad. Someone has to stay in Austin to man the store, but I will be with all of you in spirit. Brice also sends his love...

DeeDee - November 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ *Pat and Pike, I am so sorry for your loss but hope you find much comfort in knowing Mrs. Criswell is now in the Presence of the Lord. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Psalm 116:15 God bless you dear friends.*

Linda Talley

Linda Zedler Talley - November 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM