



Dorothy Neidert Grant

November 15, 1919 - November 13, 2014

Dorothy Neidert Grant was born on November 15, 1919 to Fritz Neidert and Genevieve Lancaster Neidert. Dorothy went to be with the Lord on November 13, 2014. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lester Grant and brothers, Fred and Paul Neidert. Dorothy is survived by her daughters, Cynthia Grant and husband Howard Hollinger, Drusilla Jones and husband John, grandchildren, Lindsay Whalen, Andrew Whalen and brother, Glen Neidert.

On her mother's side, she was descended from Charles Lockhart, who, along with his brothers Bird and Samuel, came to Texas to settle in the Green DeWitt Colony in 1829. On her father's side, she was descended from German immigrants.

Born in San Antonio, she was raised in Denison, Texas, and graduated from Denison High School.

She married Lester Grant in 1938. When he went off to war, she worked at Brooks Field as a Clerk Typist in Civilian Personnel. After the war, they moved to San Antonio and bought a small house where Dorothy became a full-time housewife and they started a family. When Cynthia was seven and Dru was three, they built a larger house next door to the first one, and raised the girls there.

Lester, the love of her life, was stricken with cancer and died at age 45 in 1963, just a week after President Kennedy was assassinated. The family had enjoyed trips in a small travel trailer, and to the consternation of many, after Lester's passing she kept the little trailer, and continued to travel in it with her girls. They even made two trips to Monterrey, Mexico! She owned a succession of travel trailers, and continued her travels until late in life. Destinations included Colorado and Washington, DC. As she loved to combine travelling with learning, she also went on Elderhostel trips to Hawaii, San Francisco, and the Southwest, along with her friend Shirley Ree.

While her girls were young, Dorothy served as a Girl Scout leader of Troop 11 along with her friend Eva Boren. She kept her troop busy with many activities including camping at Camp La Jita. In 2003 she hosted a Troop 11 reunion at her home and nine "girls" attended.

After Lester died, Dorothy brushed up on her typing and shorthand, and went back to work for the Civil Service, first as a Clerk Typist and finally as an Inventory Manager at Kelly Air Force Base.

After she retired, she sold her house in San Antonio and moved to her five acres in the Rio Hondo subdivision, between Tarpley and Utopia. She loved taking care of her property and was industrious and inventive, clearing brush, planting pecan trees, installing steps and planting beds, even building a bridge across an inlet of the large pond bordering her property. It was there that her love for, and knowledge of, native plants grew, and she joined the Native Plant Society of Texas, serving for a time as secretary of the local chapter.

Dorothy was interested in Texas history, inspired by her heritage as a fourth generation native Texan. She joined the Alamo Mission Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas as an active member.

In her early 80s, Dorothy decided that it was time to move back to San Antonio, so she sold her home in the Hill Country and had a house built in the Stonefield area of northwest San Antonio. She filled her small back yard with raised beds containing antique roses and native plants. Along with her neighbor, Rob Frank, she designed and planted the landscape for the community pool, with an emphasis on Xeriscape and native plants.

When the aches and pains of a long life convinced her that she could no longer live on her own, she moved to an apartment at Adante Assisted Living in June of this year. After an unexpected, brief illness, she passed from this earth. She lived a long and full life, on her own terms.

Donations in memory of Dorothy may be sent to:

Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Alamo Mission Chapter
c/o Ronnie Retzloff
319 Neches Branch
San Antonio, TX 78258

Or to:

NPSOT Native Plant Society of Texas
c/o Joan Miller
149 E. Rosewood Ave.
San Antonio, TX 78212

SERVICES

A visitation will be held on Monday, November 17, 2014 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at Mission Burial Park South.

A reception will be held after the services on Tuesday at the clubhouse at Adante Assisted Living, 2739 Cembalo Blvd., off of NW Military.