



## Dorothy Alice Howard

April 2, 1921 - June 17, 2007

HOWARD Dorothy Alice Howard, passed from this world to eternal life on Sunday, June 17, 2007. She was born on April 2, 1921 to E.B. “Sam” Hodges and Alice Corder Hodges in Centerpoint, TX. After high school and business school, she moved to Washington D.C. in January of 1940 to work at the Dept. of Treasury where she stayed until 1942. She returned to Texas and worked for the Army in Dallas and at Ft. Sam Houston. She met her husband of 61 years, Lester, at a USO party at Camp Bullis during the war. They married at war’s end and moved to Tuscaloosa, Alabama. She had 2 children, John and Michael, while in Alabama. The family moved to San Antonio in 1950. She had 2 additional children, Linda and David. Dorothy worked for many years at Wilford Hall Hospital where she became the Tumor Registry Secretary. Dorothy helped set up the computerized Air Force-wide Tumor Registry which was so successful that the Tri-Service Tumor Registry was created under her leadership. After retirement, Dorothy and Lester enjoyed traveling in their motor home to visit their children and grandchildren around the country. During this time, Dorothy turned a disease she suffered from into an opportunity to help others. She was instrumental in establishing the Interstitial Cystitis Support Group, allowing patients to receive the only medication effective for treating the disease before it became FDA approved. She was a devoted wife and mother whose greatest joy was her family, not her career. Dorothy was a very creative and artistic person who made many crafts, including prolific knitting, sewing and quilting, as well as leather tooling.

Her creative labors of love were given to her family who will always cherish them. Dorothy was never without a book to read and hand work to do at the same time. If she wasn't doing that she was working a cross-word puzzle. Her busy hands and mind were an amazement to all who knew her. She was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her four children. She is also survived by her sisters, Eloise Goodrich, Betty Lee Burney and Laverne Peterson and by her brother, Lamar Hodges. Dorothy also has 9 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations in Dorothy's memory should be made to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 34566, San Antonio, TX 78265, St. John's United Methodist Church, 2002 Bandera Rd., San Antonio, TX 78228, or The Kairos Prison Ministry, Torres Unit Advisory Council, 451 Oak Brook Dr., New Braunfels, TX 78132. SERVICES Visitation will be held on Thursday-June 21, 2007 from 6:00PM until 9:00PM at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. Funeral Services are scheduled for Friday-June 22, 2007 at 12:30PM at St. John's United Methodist Church, with Pastor Jean Ann Karm officiating. Interment will follow at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. You may sign the on-line guestbook at [www.missionparks.com](http://www.missionparks.com) under the obituary section. MISSION PARK FUNERAL CHAPELS NORTH 3401 CHERRY RIDGE DR. SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78230 210 349-1414

# Tribute Wall

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“ I never had the honor of meeting Dorothy, but I happened to read her obituary. I am so thankful for her involvement in helping with the treatment of Interstitial Cystitis. She has made my life much better because Elmiron was available to me when I was fir

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**Gail Johnson** - June 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sincerest Condolences.

*Colonel Robert F. Nikolewski  
USAF, BSC Ret*

*Chief, Cytopathology Branch  
Department of Pathology  
Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center  
1970 -1980*

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**Colonel Robert Nikolewski** - June 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ Lester:  
So sorry to hear about Dorothy. Our prayers are with you both.

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**Wally & Margie Crow** - June 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM