



## Edna Howard

August 23, 1915 - December 24, 2015

Edna was born in 1915 in a rural area in central Texas. She grew up on a farm with her brothers and sisters. At approximately the age of nine her mother died. She had 3 older brother that helped her dad with the farm and 3 smaller brothers that were very young. Her and her 2 sisters were given the responsibility of caring far and raising these 3 little boys.

When she left the farm at the age of 18, they still didn't have electricity or indoor bathrooms. She loved to read and had to do her homework with a kerosene lantern.

Her husband served 3 years in the army before the war and when WW II started he reenlisted in the US Coast Guard. He spent 2 years in Florida guarding our coastal waters and the last 3 years of the war fighting the Japanese in the Pacific.

She has lived alone since 1964 on the Northwest side of San Antonio and been very comfortable living alone. She loved to grow flowers and work in her yard for many years. But her favorite love was reading. She loved books and read the newspaper everyday until she starting having problems with her eyesight 2008.

She fell in August of 2009, which started her journey towards assisted living.

With decreasing eyesight and hearing loss, she worries about injuring herself and being alone in her home and not be able to get assistance. Her biggest fear is trying to take a shower alone.

She only has a brother still alive. Two grandchildren and one son. Most of her friends have passed away and she only has 2-3 left.

Edna has been living alone and very content for the past 46 years. She is very independent and likes to do things herself and needs very little assistance. She likes to be in a quiet environment and takes cat naps during the day. She has 2 radios that on occasion she enjoys listening to. She will walk around the house on occasion just for exercise she knows that she needs.

Her mind is very strong for her age. Most of her problem is that she cannot hear you. Feel free to talk very slow and loud. Her only good ear is on the left and her good eye is on the right. ĩŠ

Edna's only caretaker is her only child, Will...