



Elenora Celestine Vied

December 22, 1920 - February 8, 2011

She was born December 22, 1920 in Mississippi County, Missouri to George Welden and Byrdie Elizabeth Cooper and was named Elenora Celestine after her two grandmothers, Lenora Bass and Celestine cooper, with whom she spent much of her early childhood. She was a younger sister to four older brothers, and an older sister to three more brothers and one sister." After graduating from Anniston High School she attended Southeast Missouri Teachers College and, taught school before marrying Paul Elmont Vied of Cauthersville. Missouri on February 12, 1938. Most of her early married years were spent in Sikeston, Missouri where she and their three children waited for her husband to come home from the war. There was one incident when her four-year-old daughter fell out of the window and cut her head on some glass. Elenora put her in the bicycle basket and rode to the doctor's office. Later on when her husband was drafted back into the military for the Korean Conflict she applied this same get-the job-done attitude to moving her family across the world while adding two more children to the mix, one in South Dakota, and the last in Kittery, Maine.

Along the way at various locations she worked many jobs and eventually became a bookkeeper for the American Red Cross at different Air Force bases, retiring from the ARC office at Wilford Hall in San Antonio, Texas. She held membership in the Baptist Church and was a beloved member of churches in Missouri, South Dakota, Alaska, New Hampshire, Delaware, and base chapels in France and Japan. In

San Antonio she and her husband were members of Valley Hi Baptist Church and later of Lackland Baptist Church. She held various offices in Prospect Hills Eastern Star Chapter and is a member of Omala Calderon No.99 and the Social Order of the Beauceant. She is survived by her husband, Paul E. Vied, a daughter, Paula Rudolph, and four sons, Charles, Joe, David and Dana. Her husband lives in Castroville, Texas, her daughter and three sons live in San Antonio, Dana the youngest lives in Bricketwood, England. She had four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by six brothers and is survived by her oldest brother, Herschell Cooper of New Jersey and her sister, Modest Pebbles of East Prairie, Missouri. She was a solid glue holding her family together and being a friend to many with a smile that lit up the room. That smile and the lady giving it will be missed.

The family will receive visitors at the Mission Park South Funeral Home, 1700 SE Military Highway, San Antonio, Monday, February 14, 2011 between six and eight pm. The services will be held at Lackland Baptist Church, 2718 Frontier Drive, San Antonio, and Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at one pm; followed by internment at Fort Sam National Cemetery at two-thirty pm. The family requests no flowers but a donation to Lackland Baptist Church in her honor.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My folks and I moved to Daytona Dr the summer of '69. I was the new girl in the neighborhood and the kids welcomed me. Dana and I were both the babies of 5 children and became buddies and classmates. It wasn't long before Elenora recruited me into the*

Lynne Downing - February 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM