



Elizabeth J. Clarke

December 29, 1926 - January 13, 2011

Elizabeth J. Clarke, 84, passed away peacefully on January 13, 2011 and joins her beloved husband of 59 years, retired Colonel Donald L. Clarke, who preceded her in death in December 2010. Mrs. Clarke was an active Air Force wife and in addition to her many duties as an Air Force commander's wife, she loved to bowl, play bridge, cook, and volunteer. She was a devoted wife and mother who encouraged her children to live independent lives. Mrs. Clarke was born December 29, 1926 in Maceo, Kentucky to A.H. and Margaret Wagner. After graduation from Davis County H. S., she attended Nazareth School of Nursing, St. Joseph Infirmary in Louisville, KY. Upon graduation in 1945, she was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army Nurse Corps. Mrs. Clarke transitioned to the new Air Force and became a Flight Nurse during the Korean War. She met and married Captain Clarke in 1951, while they were both stationed at Hickam Field, Hawaii. Mrs. Clarke is survived by her children Thomas A. Clarke and his wife Carolyn of San Antonio, Margaret E. Lester and her husband Tim of Alexandria, Virginia, Michele Ashley and her husband Jim of Austin and by her grandchildren, Jessica Lester Frey and her husband Eric, Captain USMC, Jason D. Lester and his fiancé, Megan Buckner, Aubree Ashley Layton and her husband Patrick, LT. USN, West Clarke Ashley, Thomas A. Clarke, II and Travis Clarke, and her step-son Richard L. Clarke and his wife Katy and children, Jennifer and Scott. She was preceded in death by her brother Billy Wagner and her sister Virginia Freels and survived by her sister Barbara Wall. The family

would like to thank all of the wonderful people who assisted with her care, especially Mrs. Corina Briones, the Haven's staff and her hospice caregivers. A graveside service with full military honors will be held on Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at 9 a.m. at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, 1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd., San Antonio, TX 78209. The family requests donations be sent to Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of San Antonio, Texas, 202 West French Place, San Antonio, Texas 78212 in lieu of flowers.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My deepest condolences to all those who loved Elizabeth and are saddened by her passing. She was my warm and gracious Aunt and I will miss her.*

Paul Clarke - January 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Will miss talking to you. Love you always, your niece Marcia Also deepest sympathy to Tom, Peggy, & Shelly and their families from your family in Indiana and Kentucky.*

Marcia Stengel - January 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Love you mom. See you again in Heaven.*

Tom Clarke - January 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM