



## Mrs. Fern Magdalena Wehde Schiffer

March 7, 1921 - January 19, 2017

Mrs. Fern Magdalena Wehde Schiffer passed away in San Antonio, Texas on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at the age of 95 years.

Fern was born in Holstein, Iowa on March 7, 1921 to Gus and Anna Christophersen Wehde. She grew up in Holstein, where her family owned a dairy, an ice cream shop, and an inn. She graduated from high school in 1939. She was a registered nurse and graduated in 1943 from Broadlawns Nursing School, Broadlawns Polk County Public Hospital, Des Moines, Iowa. After graduation from nursing school, she joined the United States Army Nurse Corps. She was active duty military from December 1943 to March 1946 and achieved the rank of 1st lieutenant. She was awarded the Victory Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern (EAME) campaign medal and she earned several over-seas service bars for her service outside the United States. During her service, she was stationed in England, where she met her husband, Dr. Sydney Sommers Schiffer. They married May 8, 1946, settled in San Antonio and delighted in 67 successful years of marriage.

Fern was preceded in death by her husband, grandson Michael A. Hoffman, her parents, and her siblings Wilbur, Mabel, Florence, Margaret, Gus Jr., and Evelyn.

She is survived by a brother and sister-in-law Roy and Sally Wehde, Tempe, AZ ; a brother and sister-in-law Ray and Ginny Wehde, Palm Desert, CA; son Brian S. Schiffer, Seattle, WA; daughter and son-in-law Brenda and Dr. Terry Hoffman, San Antonio, TX; son and daughter-in-law Dr. Brent and Janice

Schiffer, San Antonio, TX; grandchildren Amber Schiffer (wife Wei En), Portland, OR; Arthur Schiffer (wife Luie) Seattle WA; Aaron Schiffer (wife Chau) Seattle, WA; Matthew A. Hoffman, San Antonio, TX; Dr. Breanne L. Schiffer, Salt Lake City, UT; Joel B. Schiffer, San Antonio, TX; great-granddaughters Chloe and Hazel; and numerous nieces and nephews.

#### SERVICES

A Memorial Service will be at 10:30 A.M. on Monday, January 23, 2017 at the Oppenheimer Chapel at Temple Beth El, 211 Belknap Place. Private Interment at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Morningside Ministries Kendall House or charity of choice.

# Cemetery Details

## **Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery**

1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Previous Events

## **Memorial Service**

JAN **23**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Oppenheimer Chapel at Temple Beth El  
211 Belknap Place  
San Antonio, TX 78212