



## Gladys Merkel Johnson

February 28, 1916 - October 23, 2015

Gladys Roberta Johnson, born to Bonita and Louis Merkel on February 28, 1916 in San Antonio, passed away on October 23, 2015. Raised in San Antonio, a Brackenridge High School graduate, Gladys married Horace W. Johnson on February 19, 1940. Joining the Air Force during World War II, Horace remained in the service following the war, As a military wife, Gladys traveled with Horace and their three young children to many duty stations, including Germany. Upon Horace's retirement the family returned to San Antonio. Gladys was an excellent seamstress and for a number of years was responsible for the alterations department at the Shops of Pappagallo in Alamo Heights. She was a devout Christian, a lifelong Methodist, and a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church. At age 96 she decided she would take a year and read the Bible from beginning to end, achieving her goal. Gladys was a strong woman with a loving heart, always opening her home to family and friends. Her hobbies included gardening and baking; she was famous for her chocolate pie. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Gladys is preceded in death by her parents; her devoted husband of 59 years, Horace; brothers, Marvin and William; sisters, Mary and Palm; numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and her daughter-in-law, Susan Johnson. She is survived by her son, Clark; grandson, Stephen; daughter-in-law, Margaret Ellen; son, Clifford; daughter, Jean Bowker Paul; granddaughter, Denise Zucco Jim; great grandchildren, Lexi and Andrew Zucco; grandson, Douglas Bowker Kristen and great grandson, Colin Bowker. The family would

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