



Gladys Mae Welch Lochbaum

September 12, 1918 - November 24, 2011

Gladys Welch Lochbaum, beloved wife, mother and grandmother, passed away peacefully on Thursday, November 24, in New Braunfels after a prolonged illness, completing 93 years of spirited living. Gladys devoted her life to her family. She volunteered with the Girl Scouts and church events. She was known for the high quality of her crocheting, and had several blue ribbons and other awards from the Comal County Fair to show for it. Gladys was born in Three Creeks, Arkansas, to Wesley and Ethel Welch, and lived in El Dorado and Little Rock. She made her home in San Antonio for more than 60 years, and was a long time member of Baptist Temple, until she could no longer attend. Gladys was the heart of her family, and we will miss her. She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Jerry Lochbaum of San Antonio, whose many years of devoted care of her is inspirational; two daughters, Frieda Lively Mike of New Braunfels, and Patricia Rodriguez George of Pasadena, TX; four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, a sister, Catherine Fannin of Marietta, OK, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Crawford and Joseph, and a sister, Margie. Her cherished grandchildren are Angelique Richardson Ben and Trey Lively Victoria of New Braunfels; Jay Rodriguez Heather of San Antonio; and Sarah Hunter Wesley of Houston. The great-grandchildren, who made her laugh, are Noah and Abigail Richardson of New Braunfels. The family would like to express special appreciation to the attentive, friendly, and well trained Alzheimer's care staff of AlzCare in New Braunfels, and to the very kind and

helpful staff of the Hope Hospice program. For those who prefer, the family encourages a donation to the Alzheimer's Association in lieu of flowers. The viewing will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. at Mission Park South Sunday November 27, 2011. The funeral ceremony will be at 11 a.m. Monday November 28, 2011 with interment following at Mission Park South.