



## Glenda Elam Tipps

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God took Glenda Tipps to heaven at 8:21 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2016, just 14 days after celebrating her 90th Birthday. Memorial service will be 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20th, at A&M Church of Christ. Graveside will be on Tuesday, Feb. 23rd, at 3:00 p.m at the Mission Park South Cemetery, 1700 S.E. Military Drive in San Antonio.

Glenda was born Feb. 2, 1926 in Plainview, Texas to William Franklin Elam and Hannah Josephine Wilsher. Her brothers were Quinbie Alvin, Joe Windle, Hershel Avalon, and her sisters were Margaret Levita, Margie Oleta, and Betty Jean Elam. Growing up, her values were shaped by picking cotton with a family that worked hard together and valued each other. Later in life, after several engagements, she decided on and married a young handsome song leader, Charles W. Tipps. Using the degree that she had already obtained from a secretarial college in San Antonio, she worked for the head of the engineering department at Texas A&M and put Charles through engineering school. After Charles' graduation, they had a son, Charlie Bill, and she raised him single handedly while Charles took off for the oil fields. They soon settled in San Antonio with City Public Service in 1957.

As a child, Glenda was a gifted teller of stories who was successful in competitions. As an adult in San Antonio, Glenda developed a form of table-top teaching for young children that captured the minds of both young and old, and with Charles they travelled to various churches sharing this effective

approach for children. Concurrently, Glenda supported Charles as they served the Highland Hills Church of Christ with Charles as the associate minister. They then moved to support the Bellaire Church of Christ with Charles as the minister. Charles and Glenda retired in 1999 and moved to their last residence in Bryan, where they have been blessed to faithfully serve at the A&M Church of Christ.

She is survived by her son Charlie Bill, and her grandchildren, Jeff with wife Mindi and their 2 children, Laura with husband Dr. Jacob Minor and their four children, David with wife Heather, Margaret, Julia, Robert, Clara, and youngest grandchild, Charles Walker Tipps. Her two sisters, Betty Perkins and Marge Pittman, also survive her. They, along with the respective hoard of Elam children, still carry the commitment to family and God instilled by their grandparents; Mama Elam and Daddy Bill.