



Grace Janet Hilkemeier

February 15, 1926 - December 20, 2004

HILKEMEIER

Grace Janet Hilkemeier of San Antonio went to be with the Lord on December 20 after a valiant battle against multiple myeloma. Born in New Brunswick, NJ on February 15, 1926 to the late Ferdinand and Lillian Schmidt, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Alice and Lorraine; a brother, Robert, a son, Mark and a great-grand daughter, Mikalyn Moneypenny. After attending South River High School, she worked with the Johnson and Johnson Company, was a buyer for the Army Air Force Exchange Service at Ft. Dix, NJ and then became a full time mom and homemaker. She and her husband, Don were committed to each other in marriage of over 46 years and reared three children. A military career took them throughout the United States. She was a lifelong, active member of the United Methodist Church. With a servant's heart, she taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, fulfilled leadership positions and, as a trained Stephen's Minister, focused on care and concern for others in Methodist churches in New Jersey, Oklahoma, Maryland, California, Virginia, Missouri and San Antonio, Texas. She was always an active leader in United Methodist Women WMW programs and re-chartered the group at Colonial Hills United Methodist Church in San Antonio. An avid student of the Bible, she completed seven years of Bible Study Fellowship and four years of Disciple Bible Study, Companions in Christ and was an active member of adult Sunday School classes. Her gift of hospitality was expressed in so many special events at her church. She provided weekly

dinners for five years where fellowship thrived around her home-cooked meals and warm presentation. Noted for her cooking skills and creating a festive atmosphere, many churches where she served still use her recipes on special occasions. In addition to her husband, she is survived by her son, Bob Money Penny and his wife, Cathie, of Broken Arrow, OK; daughter, Amy Hilkemeier of San Antonio; brothers, Louis Schmidt and wife, Harriett of Spotswood, NJ and Ronald Schmidt and wife, Bette of Flanders, NJ; grandchildren, Tom Money Penny and wife Wendy of Broken Arrow, OK, Gina McClain and husband, Kyle, of Oklahoma City, OK, Janet Money Penny of Tulsa, OK and Joey and Madison Hilkemeier of San Antonio; and five great grandchildren.

Services

Visitation will be from 7:00-9:00 PM Wednesday, December 22, 2004 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. Services will be at 11:00 AM Thursday, December 23, 2004 at Colonial Hills United Methodist Church 5247 Vance Jackson, Pastors Bill and Sheree Harris officiating, with interment at 1:15 PM at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. Memorial gifts may be made to Colonial Hills United Methodist Church.

Tribute Wall

RT

“ Don, Grace has been blessed as we have for being able to share her life and her love. You have been especially blessed for the over 46 years the Good Lord has granted the two of you to share your lives and love. Your memory account has been supplemented

Robert H. Timm - December 30, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dear Don,

What a beautiful, caring and wonderful Christian woman Grace was. We have been so blessed that our paths have crossed. We know you have many wonderful memories that will comfort you in the days ahead. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jim and Linda Brazel - December 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RY

“ We are praying with you and for you. Thanks be to God for eternal life.

Robert & Dixie Yarbrough - December 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Dear Don & Family,
Our sincerest sympathy on Grace's death. We were blessed to know her.
Fondly,
Dianne & Hugh Dorsett

Dianne Dorsett - December 22, 2004 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Don, Roxanna and I send our sincere sympathy to you and your family. May God's richest blessings be yours during this time of grief. We love you. Elvin and Roxanna

Elvin & Roxanna Schofield - December 22, 2004 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Grace had such a spirit of giving that even in her pain and suffering she could comfort me in the loss of my mother. She blessed my life in many ways and I thank God for letting me know her for a time.

Karen Birkelbach - December 22, 2004 at 12:00 AM

HJ

“ To say that our thoughts are with you and to offer our deepest sympathy in your loss.
Friends of Harriet and Lou Schmidt

Hank and Barbara Jensen - December 22, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Don,
H.E. & I send sincere sympathy to you and your entire family in the loss of Grace. She will certainly be missed.
God's peace, strength and blessing be with you all at this time.
Becky & H.E. Schweers

Becky & H.E. Schweers - December 22, 2004 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Our sincere condolences. May God's love give you strength during this time of loss.

Friends of Lou & Harriet

Carmen & Jane Clinton - December 22, 2004 at 12:00 AM

HD

“ *Uncle Don: We will be with you all tomorrow, in our thoughts and prayers. Aunt Grace will be sadly missed but she will live on in our hearts forever. We love you!*

Heather and family

Heather Dunford - December 22, 2004 at 12:00 AM