



Grace M. Rips

May 14, 1914 - April 24, 2007

R I P S

Grace McMurrey Rips was born in Yoakum, Texas May 31, 1914, and moved to San Antonio in 1924. She graduated from Harlandale High School and received her B.A. and her M.A. degrees from Southwest Texas State University. She took additional courses in Guidance at the University of Texas, Trinity University, Columbia University, and visited schools and guidance centers in four European countries as a participant in a work-study program sponsored by Temple University. Ms. Rips began as an elementary school teacher and then taught at Harlandale High School before entering the counseling field during WWII. She worked as a vocational Counselor under the G.I. Bill and did part-time teaching at Trinity University after working as a high school counselor for Highland Park High School in Dallas in 1944. She was later employed as a guidance counselor for Alamo Heights School District, where she worked until her retirement. She was a active member of First Baptist Church. Her professional organization membership included the American Association of University Women, the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, and Alamo Heights Retired Teachers Association. She was preceded in death by her husband, George Rips, long-time employee of Groos National Bank; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. McMurrey; sisters, Margaret Copeland of San Antonio, Eloise Morris of Abilene, Texas, Evelyn McCune of Auburn, Washington; brothers, Henry Douglas of Gonzales, Texas, and Walter

Raymond McMurrey of Tampa, Florida. She is survived by cousin Ms. Frank Runnels of San Antonio and nephews, Brad McMurrey of Carlsbad, California, Roger McMurrey of Lutz, Florida, Donald Reynolds of Boerne, Texas, Russell Reynolds of Houston, Texas, and nieces Virginia Bishop of Ozona, Texas, Joyce Bielfeldt of Ft. Worth, Texas, Susan Cohn of Port Angeles, Washington, and Celia Ann Copeland of San Antonio, Texas, also many great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be Cecil Necessary, Doug Dannhardt, James Franklin Runnels, Forrest Merideth, Norman Cook, and Charlie Sanders. Honorary Pallbearers are: Carlton Copeland, John McMurrey, Cameron McMurrey, Bailey Bishop, Brad McMurrey, and Gary Cohn.

SERVICES

A visitation will be held from 5:00 - 8:00 PM on Wednesday, April 25, 2007 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. A church service will be held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, April 26, 2007 at First Baptist Church with interment to follow at Mission Burial Park North. You may sign the on-line guestbook at www.missionparks.com under the obituary section.

MISSION PARK FUNERAL CHAPELS NORTH
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Tribute Wall

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“*Joyce, LaMar and Family, I am sorry to hear of Grace' passing. She was a lady of many accomplishments and will be missed by all who knew and loved her.*”

Edna Ross - May 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BF

“*Grace was a wonderful, accomplished woman who did everything with integrity and class. We enjoyed her mischievous side which sparkled out every now and then. I was always grateful for the interest she took in me and my family. Everyone who knew her will m*”

Brad McMurrey and Family - April 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BS

“*Joyce, I'm so sorry. I know she was an important part of your life. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*”

Barbara Schriever - April 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GT

“*What a wonderful lady and a lady in every sense of the word! I enjoyed seeing her and visiting with her at Epsilon Beta meetings. We will miss her. Please accept my condolences.*”

Gail Tschirhart - April 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“*Extending our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your loved one.*”

Directors & Staff at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North - April 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM