



Gwendolyn M. Holder

October 18, 1919 - September 13, 2011

Gwendolyn Mae Holder went on to be with our Lord on September 15, 2011 at the age of 91.

Gwen was born on October 18, 1919 in the city of Chicago Illinois to Joseph Bentley and Catherine Joy Peatling. The family along with her newly born sister Joann moved to San Antonio Texas in 1931 where Gwen graduated from Alamo Heights High School and played on their tennis team. She then attended Oklahoma Baptist University, Trinity University and then Graduated nursing school at the Robert B. Green and became an RN on May 18, 1940.

In June of 1941 Gwen entered the Army Nursing Corps and departed on July 1 st 1942 for Europe as we entered into WWII. She was stationed in medical units in Scotland, Ireland and finally just outside of London as it was being destroyed by the relentless bombs of the German forces. As the war was coming to a close Gwen was sent back to Ft Sam Houston where she was honorably discharged from the service as a 1 st LT. on February 28, 1946 and then retired as a Captain in the US Army reserves.

Gwen then went on to marry William Merle Holder on January 25, 1949 and the two of them proceeded to raise 5 sons. Paul Howard Holder, Phillip Bill Holder spouse Virginia , Peter Joseph Holder spouse Brenda , Patrick Glen Holder spouse Kris , and Perry Lee Holder spouse Deborah .She has 15 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren. Her sister Joann married

Charles Barry and they have two daughters Linda and Pamela.

Gwen was known by many and loved by all who meet her. She had her bright eyes and warm smile that brought joy to everyone who knew her. She was a bible scholar and a prayer warrior that served God with every ounce of her being. She served as an Associate Pastor at The New Testament Church and as an Elder at several others, along with teaching numerous bible study groups, Sunday school classes, small group ministries and counseled so many people on their life issues day and night. Although she was frail and small in stature she was always a spiritual giant in the eyes of God and all who knew and loved her.