



Helen Vaughan Knapp

May 5, 1925 - November 12, 2011

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Helen Ed Vaughan Knapp, born on May 5, 1925 in Cooper, Texas, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, November 12, 2011, at the age of 86. She was preceded in death by her parents, Helen Gertrude Vaughan and Tom Ed Vaughan, her Aunt Ruth Ware, her sister MarySpahn and Mary's husband, Louis. Helen is survived by her niece Susan Britt, nephew Michael Spahn, great nieces Jordan and Angela Britt, and great nephew Louie Spahn.

After spending her childhood in Cooper, Helen became a registered nurse and worked for several years at the Nix Hospital in San Antonio before moving to Middletown, Ohio, where she worked in the membership department at the Middletown Chamber of Commerce. In 1965, she moved to San Antonio, and on May 15, 1965, began a 30 year career as the Membership Coordinator for The Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce before retiring in 1995.

Often referred to as "The Chamber's very own sweetheart" by former Chamber President and CEO Joe Krier, Helen was responsible for The Chamber's records, and worked with 30 different chairmen of the board and virtually every club and committee in The Chamber's Membership Department. At The Chamber's Annual Banquet in 1994, former Chamber Chairman Red McCombs escorted a surprised Helen to the podium for the presentation of the first Helen E. Knapp Award, established in her honor and recognizing "commitment to excellence and exemplary service to The

Chamber" by a member of The Chamber staff. Helen will be remembered for her generosity, grace, gentle spirit and faithful devotion to friends, family, and her beloved Chamber at a memorial service on Thursday, November 17, 3pm, at Mission Park Funeral Chapel North 3401 Cherry Ridge, located behind the Embassy Suites Hotel at I-10 and Loop 410. You may sign the on-line guestbook at www.missionparks.com under the obituary section.

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