



## Ina Whitney Dial

December 6, 1925 - September 24, 2017

Ina Whitney Dial, 91, loving and precious wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend, was taken Home by her Lord on September 24, 2017. She was released into His arms while holding the hands of her two daughters following a courageous 4-year struggle with Parkinson's disease. Visitation will be held on September 28. A time of remembering and honoring her life will be held on Friday, September 29.

Ina was born on December 6, 1925 in Lubbock, Texas to Henry and Lola Whitney. She was a graduate of Lubbock High School and Draughon's School of Business. At church services one Sunday morning, she met and later fell in love with Odell Dial, a young sailor who was a Seabee in the U. S. Navy. They corresponded daily through handwritten letters as Daddy served in World War II, and they married shortly after his return on July 30, 1946. Odell was the love of her life, and they were married for 53 years until his death in February 2000.

Ina and Odell were life-long members of the Church of Christ. In 1963, they became charter members of the Monterey Church of Christ in Lubbock, where Daddy served as an elder. Following their move to San Antonio in 1968, they were members of the Shenandoah Church of Christ until Ina's move to the Dallas area in 2011.

Ina was known for her amazing talent as a seamstress and her creative abilities. She made beautiful dresses for her daughters until their teens, often combining two different patterns to sew just the perfect matching dresses for

her girls. She made trunks of detailed Barbie doll clothes that were so much prettier than those in the stores. She upholstered dining chairs and hand made draperies for her home, made homemade cherry jelly from cherry trees in the backyard, and made quilts and beautiful cloth books for her grandchildren. Later in life, she took up the art of painting and greatly enjoyed painting Texas landscapes. Ina wrote beautiful notes of encouragement throughout her whole life, and she could write the perfect poem for any celebration. Odell always knew she would bake him a scrumptious pineapple meringue pie for every special occasion, and Christmas would not have been the same without her signature thumbprint cookies.

Ina was preceded in death by her precious Odell in 2000 and her parents Henry and Lola Whitney. She is survived by her children, Karen Zadina (Bob) and Sherry Jackson (Pat); her grandchildren, Shelley Hackler (Chad), Kristen Zadina, Austin Jackson (Ellen) and Tyler Jackson; three great-grandchildren Hallie, Kanon, and Teagan Hackler; her dear brother, H. E. (Gene) Whitney, niece Michele Neil (Glenn), nephew Dyke Whitney (Camille), and many dear life-long friends.

Ina and Odell loved the Lord, and they created a beautiful home and childhood memories for their daughters, centered around Him. They lived their faith in everything they did, and they created a lasting legacy of love and trust, which made a forever impact on those whose lives they touched. Mother loved her life as a wife and mother, and she fulfilled her calling in every loving touch, reaching out to those in need, serving the sick with countless meals, and serving in so many ways to touch the lives of those around her. "Her children rise up and call her Blessed"...

We take deep comfort in knowing she is healed and reunited with Odell and her loved ones and her precious Lord.

If desired, memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to the Village of Hope, a 501 (c)3 tax-exempt orphanage under the oversight of the Church of Christ in Ghana, West Africa. The mailing address is P.O. Box 670394, Dallas, Texas 75367. (Donations are also accepted online at [www.thevillageofhope.com](http://www.thevillageofhope.com))