



## Ione Graskamp Slate

December 8, 1929 - July 10, 2007

Slate

Ione Graskamp Slate passed away on July 10th, 2007 in San Antonio, Texas with her family by her side. Ione was born in LaCrosse, Wisconsin to Walter Louis Graskamp and Verna Zimmer Graskamp on December 8, 1929, and was married to David L. Slate for fifty-nine years. She was the beloved mother of Molly Sue Gurzi Frank Gurzi, Stephen Lynn Slate, and Ellen Louise Slate-Warner Herbert Warner; Grandmother to Amy Zahn-Malik, Stephen David Zahn, and David Lee Slate; Great Grandmother of four, and supportive Aunt to six nephews and five nieces. Ione moved from Minnesota to the Rio Grande Valley at the age of ten, was a graduate of Mc Allen High School, and attended Texas State College for Women and Trinity University where she studied voice, music and organ. She was a secretary in the banking community, in the Registrar's office of Wharton County Jr. College, to Rabbi Israel Rosenberg of Wharton, Texas, and held other secretarial positions in the San Antonio area. Ione was a member of the Lutheran church, an avid reader, writer, accomplished organist, and had a beautiful soprano voice. Several of her writings were published. She enjoyed traveling with her husband, music, and spending time with her family and many friends. Visitation will be from 6:00pm to 9:00pm Friday, July 13, 2007 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, 3401 Cherry Ridge, San Antonio, Texas. Services will be held at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 16320 Huebner Rd., San Antonio,

Texas 10:00am Saturday, July 14, 2007. Graveside services are to follow at Mission Burial Park North Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her name to the American Cancer Society.

# Tribute Wall

BG

“ David, Molly, Steve and Ellen, I was very sad to hear the news of you wife and Mother. You are all in my prayers and I will give you a call later this week, Ellen.

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**beth tesch gordon** - July 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Remembering Mrs. Slate when I was a young girly growing up in Wharton, Texas - she was a joy to know and love! My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

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**Sherry Tinsley Burks** - July 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Uncle David and family,  
I'm so sorry I couldn't come for Aunt lone's service. She will remain in my heart and soul because she gave all of us so much. I remember as a young boy how impressed I was watching her play the organ in church and singing solos.

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**kenneth s slate** - July 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I'm sitting here reading about lone's passing for the first time and wishing I could be there with you all. What grief you all must be feeling right now! She was such a beautiful lady inside and out. But I know all of heaven is rejoicing to have her "h

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**Margaret Mo Montgomery-Copeland-Kostka** - July 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Dave, Your friends in New Braunfels want to express our sincere condolences to you and your family. We remember Ione as a very sweet lady.

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**Don Stevens** - July 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ I have wonderful memories of Mrs. Slate and family as a child in Wharton. I am the daughter of Lowe and Violet Freitag and sister of Lowe Freitag Jr. Please know that your family is in my prayers and I wish for God's comfort for you in this difficult time.

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**Letha Freitag-Welling** - July 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Buster, Pam & Scott Grunwald** - July 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KZ

“ I was raised by Ione's uncle Frank Graskamp in Pharr, Texas. My aunt Lillian married Frank in 1947. In 1948 I moved from Rochester, MN to the valley. Ione rode down from Minnesota with us. We had a fun trip getting down here.  
I regret not having had any

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**Ken Zink** - July 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Dear Dave and family,

*My prayers are with you in this time of sorrow. My deepest condolences to you and your family.*

*Sincerely,  
Ken Tilley*

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**Ken Tilley** - July 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Mrs Slate was a very sweet person and we will miss seeing her here at the bank.

*Sincerely,  
Pam Bruhl  
Frost Bank/DeZavala Center*

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**Pam Bruhl** - July 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ When I was married to Don Slate you were the best friend I had and I have always remembered the good times we had together, I never forgot.

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**joyce flowers** - July 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ David, Molly, Steve and Ellen,  
*My deepest condolences to all of you. Ione was such a sweet lady. We lost Bonnie in April and Mom, Polly, followed her in March. I know your heart aches now, but Ione's memory will always be a pleasant one in my heart.*

*Wi*

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**Burlon Parsons** - July 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM