



Jean D. Higdon

October 17, 1919 - January 5, 2010

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nee Ida Myrtle Imogene Douglass

Loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend Jean D. Higdon died on January 5, 2010. She was born on October 17, 1919, in Hartshorn, OK, the eighth child of nine born to Rev. J.R. and Della Douglass of Krebs, OK. She graduated from McAlester High School. She had her own beauty shop. She met W. Dain Higdon in McAlester during WWII. They were married Jan 1, 1943 at First Baptist Church in McAlester and moved to San Antonio following the war. With two children to rear, she became a fulltime mother. After moves to Dinero, TX, where her 3rd child was born and Pleasanton, TX, Jean again opened Jean's Beauty Shop. She and Dain were active in anything they did, including First and Trinity Baptist Churches in Pleasanton. She was a charter member of Trinity Baptist in Pleasanton and later Shearer Hills Baptist Church SHBC in San Antonio. A leader in church organizations, she served as Sunday School teacher, Girls' Auxiliary leader, GA Director for the San Antonio Baptist Association, Women's Missionary Union President and District Director, plus a leader of San Antonio Baptist Association GA Camps. Jean wrote the history of the Shearer Hills WMU to celebrate the 75th anniversary of WMU, and she was honored for writing the national 75th anniversary WMU slogan and logo. She launched mission activities at Alamo Heights Rehabilitation Center and Madonna Apartments that she led for forty years. She was director of the Girls' Auxiliary Camp in Alto Frio Baptist Encampment

for several years. The GA Camp experience led Jean and Dain to establish their own camp, north of Canyon Lake near Fisher's Store, TX around 1969. Camp Jada was a viable camp created and run by the Higdon's for 10 years, prior to selling it. In a true partnership and marriage of more than 55 years, Jean and Dain supported each other in all groups, including Knife and Fork Club Treasurer and Secretary in 1970s, WMU, GAs, San Antonio Retired Teachers' Association, Rotary International, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards organizers for RYLA in South Texas, Alamo Heights Little League, Alamo Heights Football Boosters, Entre Nous SAISD, the Higdon Family Association HFA, and many other organizations. In the 1970s she became a computer Data Processor at Whittier Middle School, SAISD. Jean was listed in Who's Who of American Women, 1975-1976. Jean was a worker in any group she joined. A nationwide GA Day at HemisFair '68; the Political Campaigns of John Connally, reunions for Harlendale High School classes of 1928-1938; and 2 reunions for the HFA San Antonio, 1986 & 1998 are just a few items she tackled. Relationships were very important to her, high school, church, Rotary, SAISD, and friendships that spanned over 50 years of New Year's Celebrations with 9 couples, all with marriages of 50 years. Jean always taught her children to strive for their best whether it was piano, baseball, football, art or school. Her highest achievement was the moral guidance she and Dain gave their children and grandchildren. During her life, three things were important: her God, her family and friends, and her service activities. The family wishes to acknowledge the services of CIMA Hospice and Regent Care and all the wonderful people that helped take care of Jean in her final days. Jean D. Douglass Higdon is survived by her children; James N. Higdon and wife Barbara and Janice Higdon of San Antonio, TX; A. Dain Higdon and wife LaDonna of Austin, TX; grandchildren, Travis Higdon and wife Janet of Los Angeles; Andrew Higdon and wife Jennifer of Denver; O'Kelley H. Little and husband Paul, Katherine J. Higdon, Mary M. Higdon of Austin; great-grandchildren Riley Elliot Higdon of Denver, CO, and Park Barrett Higdon of Los Angeles. She is

also survived by, sister Ruth Weldon of Bartlesville, OK, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by W. Dain Higdon, her husband of 55 years, grandson James T. Higdon; her parents; her brothers John, Lewis E. and Charles Noel Douglass and sisters Edna Frederick, Nell Young, Thelma Drumb, and Margaret Josephine Douglass.

In Lieu of flowers, donations to SHBC Missions Fund, 12615 San Pedro San Antonio, TX 78216 or RYLA, P O Box 6628, San Antonio, TX 78209 would be appreciated.

SERVICES

A graveside service will be held Monday, January 11, 2010 at 11:00AM at Mission Burial Park North. Interment will follow. A Memorial service will then follow at Shearer Hills Baptist Church at 1:00PM. Visitation and fellowship will follow the service.

Tribute Wall

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“ *With fondest memories....*

Ralph & Beverly Dietert - January 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Dear Janice and All the Higdon Family, My heart goes out to you in your loss & my prayers are with you. Your Mother was such an outstanding, Christian lady & wonderful example to us all. I'll never forget all the fun times I would come to your house on Kni*

Patti Tennis Flynn - January 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Dear Family, May God bless and comfort you in your time of loss. Your sweet mother will never be forgotten.*

Rev. Bill Shockley - January 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM