



Laura Lee McDonald

May 21, 2004 - December 22, 2004

Laura Lee McDonald, 96, died peacefully at home on December 22. Born June 21, 1908, Laura was the thirteenth child of Norwegian Immigrants, Iver and Jacobia Larson Lee. She grew up in Vergas, MN, attended Glenwood High School and St. Cloud State Teachers College. She taught school in Red Wing, MN, and Lead, SD. She married Ned McDonald June 27, 1935. They owned McDonald's Resort in Vergas from 1937 to 1951. Ned's assignments with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U. S. Department of Labor took them to Richmond, V A, Arlington, V A, and Denver, CO, before retiring in Vergas. After her husband's death in May of 1979, Laura spent winters with her daughter, Karen Lee Hill, son-in-law, LTC James R. JB Hill, and granddaughter, Danika Lee Hill. In 1986 she went to live with them in Poway, CA, and in 1997 moved with them to San Antonio. Laura lived life to it's fullest and her motto was, "What can I do today to make someone happy?" An avid oil painter, Laura also enjoyed fishing, shopping, and cooking Scandinavian delicacies. Always a fan of Willie Nelson, she attended her first concert at Gruene Hall in December 1998. She was named Willie Nelson's Number One Fan in 2003. She and her daughter attended numerous local concerts, as well as two in Minnesota and one in North Dakota last year. Her final outing was a trip to Willie's new Texas Roadhouse Restaurant in Austin on December 16th, where she was able to visit with all of her favorites: Willie, his sister Bobbie, his daughter Lana, and Willie's percussionists, Paul and Billy English. Her biggest delight was being told that she'd always be Willie's Number One Fan.

When she returned home she said she felt like "Queen for a Day". Preceded in death by her husband, parents, and siblings Clara, Anna, Mary , Ed, Leonard, John, Art, Conrad, Minnie, Ida, Ole, and a sister also named Laura who died in infancy, she is survived by her daughter, Karen Lee, her graddaughter, Danika Lee, numerous nieces, nephews, and their families. She is dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Extending our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your loved one.*

Directors and Staff at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North - December 27, 2004
at 12:00 AM