



Lillian Frances English

December 10, 1922 - April 6, 2024

Lillian F. English, born on a Sunday afternoon, December 10, 1922, in San Antonio, TX, went home to be with the LORD on April 6, 2024, at the age of 101. Lillian was a loving and faithful wife, mother, and grandmother. At thirteen, she was confirmed and joined St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church. She joined the Methodist Church when she married Jimmie English. In her senior year at San Antonio Vo-Tech High School, she attended school half-days and worked half-days at Joske's Department Store for ten cents an hour. She was a member of the National Honor Society. Recently graduated and working at Joske's, just three days before her 19th birthday, Pearl Harbor was attacked; changing her life forever. On December 15th, she began working at Duncan Field (later named Kelly AFB) in the Civilian Personnel Office. Within six months all the young men were gone to war and Lillian became the night shift supervisor. Eventually, she became supervisor of Civilian Personnel and retired from a civil service career of 31 years in December 1972.

Lillian's childhood home was surrounded by Jim's relatives, and he would wave and say, "Hi, neighbor" as he rode by on his bicycle. During the war, she began writing him about neighborhood activities. She even gave a pint of blood in his honor. One evening on the way to the movies, Lillian and a neighbor girl stopped by Jim's aunt's home to greet the returning warrior. Jim, smitten with her beautiful blue eyes, offered them a ride to town. He wouldn't

let her out of his car until she agreed to a date. They became sweethearts and in Lillian's words, "The rest is history".

During their first year of marriage, they manually cleared the brush and built a garage apartment on their Villaret property. Their first child, Mike, was born in 1951. By the time their second child, Trish, was born in 1953, they had built their Villaret home. In 1994, they built their final home on their S. Bexar County ranch, between their children's homes. Lillian was a wonderful listener, seamstress, cook, and problem solver. She loved reading mysteries and her Bible, playing poker, horseshoes, decoupage, cross stitching, western dancing and square dancing. However, her biggest joy was Jimmie and their family. She kept all five of her grandchildren and even her eldest great-grandchild while their parents worked. Her eldest grandson, Keith, started calling her Honey because his grandpa, Jimmie, called her Honey. From then on, she was Honey to all of us and it was perfect because she was so sweet. Jimmie, her Honey Bear, sang little love songs to Lillian every morning and evening; always with a kiss. Lillian cherished, and was cherished by, her family. She was a treasure to all who knew her.

Lillian was preceded in death by her loving husband of 68 years James Edwards English; parents Johanna S. and Emil L. Kraus; granddaughter, Frances Faye English; grandson-in-law, Lyle Crawford, Jr. She is survived by daughter Patricia Esther Scharmman (Larry); son, James Michael English (Elizabeth); 5 grandchildren, Keith Scharmman, (Claudia), Kay Lynn Schulz, (Steve), Chance English, (Jenny), Kimberly Glenn, (David), and Jennifer Crawford; 13 great-grandchildren, Triston, Derek, David, Sterling, Sarah, Kimber, Mason, Cooper, Layna, Kyson, Colt, Ivy, and Zoe; 2 nieces; several grandnieces, grandnephews and cousins. Pallbearers: Keith Scharmman, Chance English, Steve Schulz, David Glenn, Derek Scharmman, David Garcia, Sterling Schulz and Mason Schulz.

Officiating: Rev. Larry Scharmman

Visitation is Sunday, April 14, 2024, from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Mission Park South. A Celebration of Life is Monday, April 15, 2024, 1:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapel South. Interment will follow at Mission Burial Park South. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to Oak Island Methodist Church 2970 DeVilbiss Ln. S.A. TX 78264.

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park South

1700 SE Military Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78214
<http://www.missionparks.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 14. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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