



## Marion Elizabeth Gardner

October 9, 1919 - September 20, 2011

Marion Badders Lieck Gardner was born October 9, 1919, in San Antonio, Texas, and passed away on September 20, 2011, at the age of 91. Marion was the oldest of five children born to Ernest Lee Badders and Elizabeth Beth Woods Badders. She was a descendant of the Woods family, that settled in Lavaca County in the early 1850's.

Marion was a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School.

As a young woman, Marion was the Charles of the Ritz cosmetics representative for Frost Brothers in San Antonio. During WWII, she worked for the Army Corps of Engineers. She married prominent San Antonio attorney Charles J. Lieck, Sr., with whom she traveled the world, including one six-month trip in 1962, exploring and photographing sites in Asia and the Middle East. After Charlie's death, Marion married Hubert "Hugh" Gardner. Hugh was an avid golfer, and they enjoyed participating in many activities with the Texas Senior Golf Association.

Marion lived life to the fullest and enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling, sewing, dancing and entertaining friends. She inherited a love of card playing from her mother and was always ready for a foursome of bridge. For many years, she enjoyed weekly bridge games with her friends in the Ladies' Card Room at Oak Hills Country Club, where she was a long-time member.

Marion was a kind, generous and caring woman, as well as a devoted wife and mother. Marion was comfortable dressed in camouflage hunting deer or in an evening dress, dining, dancing and socializing with friends. Many of her friendships lasted a lifetime.

Marion was involved in many civic and community activities. As a member of the Texas Democratic Party in the 1950's, Marion attended one of the Conventions that nominated Adlai Stevenson for President. In the 1960's, she served as president of the Women's Auxiliary of the San Antonio Bar Association. A lifelong Methodist, Marion was an active member of Jefferson Methodist in the 1950's and 1960's. She donated many hours of volunteer service to the Blue Bird Auxiliary organization at Methodist Hospital and was instrumental in establishing the hospital's gift shop.

For the last seven years of her life, Marion was a resident of the Emeritus at Kingsley Place Medical Center in San Antonio. Her daughter, Ellen, wishes to express her thanks to the facility's staff for devoting their time and energy to Marion's care.

Her parents, husbands Charles J Lieck, Sr. and Hugh Gardner and one brother preceded Marion in death. She is survived by daughter Jerry Ellen Lieck Holland Frank, her sister Dorothy Schattenberg Gordon, and brothers Ernest Badders Mona and John D "Bobby" Badders, all of San Antonio, Texas, and their children and grandchildren. She is also survived by the families of Charles J Lieck, Sr. and Hugh Gardner.

Marion possessed an outgoing, vibrant personality. With her beauty, quick wit and no-nonsense perspective on life, she fascinated and entertained all who knew her.

She met life's challenges with humor, grace and optimism. She will be dearly missed by her friends and family. It was Marion's desire that she be cremated. Pursuant to her instructions, no funeral service or memorial service will be

conducted.