



Mary Frances Giles Johnson Maskew

May 6, 1915 - April 9, 2009

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Mary Frances Giles Johnson Maskew went to her heavenly home on April 9, 2009 in San Antonio, TX. Mary's perseverance and faith helped her survive the many challenges throughout her life.

Mary Frances was born in Newton Co, MS on May 6, 1915, the daughter of James T. Giles, Sr. and Fannie Nichols Giles. She was a basketball star and graduate of Center Ridge High School in Chunky, Ms and East Central Jr. College in Decatur, MS. She also attended Mississippi-Alabama University Meridan, MS. On December 24, 1935 in Decatur, MS, Mary Frances married Lamar Hailey Johnson, son of Robert and Lucy Johnson. Following their wedding, the young couple moved to Artesia, NM to begin their married life in the rural farming community. They were blessed with 2 daughters, Sharlene and Wanda, and 2 sons, Wilbur Hailey and Jerry Wayne. After the death of her brother, Sam Giles, Mary Frances raised Michael Hebert Giles as her son. Following Hailey Johnson's death in 1954, she married Wilburn R. "Bill" Maskew in 1966 in Levelland, TX. Mary Frances and Bill lived in Seattle, WA until they moved to Texas in 1971, and San Antonio became their home until their deaths.

Mary Frances was a life-long member of the Baptist faith. While in Artesia she was an active member of the First Baptist Church, serving as a Sunday school

teacher and as President of the WMU. At her death she was a member of the Calvary Hills Baptist Church of San Antonio. Among her civic endeavors, she was Noble Grand of the Sunrise Rebecca Lodge in Artesia, past President of the Glen Oaks Chapter of the AARP in San Antonio, active in the Leon Valley Grange, and a frequent card player at CASAS Helotes. A homemaker, Mary Frances was also an exceptional cook and seamstress, winning many blue ribbons for her needlecraft. She always had time for a game of cards, dice or dominos or to watch one of her favorite sports teams.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Fannie Giles, husbands, Hailey Johnson and Bill Maskew; children Wanda Johnson and Mike Giles; half brothers James Otis Giles and William Hailey Giles; brother J.T. "Jake" Giles, Samuel G. Giles, and Otho N. "Nic" Giles; sisters Helen Giles and Dorabel Nowell; grandchildren Don Jordan, Jr. and Janice Jordan.

She is survived by her children Sharlene Jordan and husband Donald of San Antonio, TX, Wilbur Johnson and wife Patricia of Santa Teresa, NM and Jerry Johnson of Phoenix, AZ; grandchildren Rick Johnson and wife Liz of Dallas, TX, Dianna Crouch and husband, Roy of Artesia, NM, Justin Johnson and wife Rebecca of Sumter, SC, Sharley Johnson of Brighton, CO; great grandchildren Brandi Crouch Hobbs and husband Bobby, K.C. Crouch, Chad Johnson, Sarah Beth Johnson, Jared Johnson, Rei-Lynn Johnson, and Ryan Johnson; and 1 great-great grandchild Tatum Hobbs; brother-in-law Isham Marvin Johnson and wife Billie of San Antonio; sisters-in-law Mary "Nic" Giles of Artesia, NM, Florence Johnson, and Clara Johnson, and numerous nieces and nephews.

SERVICES

Visitation will be held at the Terpening & Son Chapel, 611 W. Grand, Artesia, NM at 10:00 AM Monday, April 13, 2009. The memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM on April 13, 2009 at the Terpening & Son Chapel, with the Rev. Rick

Sullivan officiating. Burial will follow in the Woodbine Cemetery, Artesia, NM. Pallbearers will be Rick Johnson, Justin Johnson, Roy Crouch, K.C. Crouch, Chad Johnson, Bobby Hobbs, Lonnie Giles, Tom Giles & Sydney Giles.

In lieu of flowers the family suggest donations to the First Baptist Church, 322 West Grand, Artesia, NM 88210, Calvary Hills Baptist Church, 910 West Loop 1604N, San Antonio, TX 78251-3245 or Janice Helen Jordan Scholarship Fund, Texas Tech Univ., College of Human Sciences, Box 41162, Lubbock, TX 79409-1162.

Tribute Wall

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“ *She was a very special lady. Evertime I went to visit her, she always gave me a big smile and told me she loved me. She will be truly missed.*

Lori De Hoyos - April 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I wish to express my condolences to Sharlene and Don. Herb and I truly thought alot of your mother. We had special times playing bunco with her and Bill and we will surely miss her.*

Pat and Herb Hill

Herbert Hill - April 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Mrs. Maskew was a dear friend to my grandmother Adela Schuh. She was a very special person with a kind heart. I will always remember the good times I had at her house when I was a child.*

May God watch over your family during your time of sorrow.

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Kris Hill - April 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM