



Mary Jane Green

August 15, 1922 - September 6, 2007

Mary Jane Green passed away peacefully on September 6th. Mary Jane was a creative and passionate woman who loved, and was loved, deeply by her family and friends. Mary Jane Green was born on August 15, 1922, in Karnes County, Texas, to Alma and Fritz Lange. She grew up on a small farm and was the last of nine brothers and sisters who included Minnie, Charlie, Bertha, Ernst, August, Elise, Ella, and Alfred. As a child, she and her brothers and sisters worked hard to please their demanding father, picking cotton for 5 cents per 100-lb bag to pay for school supplies and clothes. In 1938, Mary Jane moved to San Antonio. She worked for the Alamo National Bank for six years and for the Federal Reserve Bank where she was chief operator of the IBM machines for another six years. Mary Jane met her future husband, Leo R. Green, on a train trip to New York City in June of 1950. They were married on August 11, 1951, at the WAF Chapel at Lackland Air Force Base. She and Leo lived in San Antonio and had four children: twins -- Leo Blaine born 1953, died 1978 and Wayne stillborn, Mary Lynn born 1954, and Jeanette Kay born 1956. Mary Jane was a devoted mother who dedicated her life to her family and home. Mary Jane could always make something beautiful out of nothing. Her artistic talents were reflected in everything she did. She learned millinery and made her own hats, she designed and sewed most of her own clothes and those worn by her children, and she arranged flowers from her backyard garden. She had an innate ability to put colors and shapes together and capture beauty from the world around her. In 1971, Mary Jane began art

lessons focusing on oil painting. Her artistic abilities developed rapidly and by 1977, she began teaching oil painting to senior citizens through continuing education at San Antonio College and the AARP. She enjoyed sharing herself and her artistic talents with her students numbering over 100 and was greatly loved by them. She taught art classes until 1995. Mary Jane painted a variety of subject matter but will be most remembered for her South Texas landscapes with blue bonnets, Indian paintbrush, and live oak trees often reminiscent of the location where she grew up. Mary Jane was a member of the Trinity Art League. She displayed her work at many art shows around the San Antonio area as well as in the homes of many family members and friends. During the last years of her life, Mary Jane suffered from microvascular dementia and was lovingly cared for by her husband of 56 years. Mary Jane is preceded in death by her beloved sons. She is survived by her husband, Leo R. Green; her older daughter, Mary Wilson Green and husband, Michael Wilson; younger daughter, Jeanette Stehr-Green and her husband, Paul Stehr-Green; her grandchildren, Claire Elizabeth Wilson and William Blaine Wilson; her sister, Elise Fenner; and her much-loved nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank the staff of Merrill Gardens for the loving care of their wife and mother over the last 6 months, in particular, Trish Ramey -- a devoted nurse who was ALWAYS there for us, no matter the day or time. Also, we will be forever grateful for the staff of the VITAS Hospice team for their round-the-clock care during the last two weeks of Mary Jane's life. Mary Jane loved flowers, but if a friend or family would like, donations may be made in Mary Jane's honor to the Salvation Army, 1324 S. Flores, San Antonio, TX, 78204. Mary Jane and her daughters and close friends loved shopping at their thrift stores for good deals!

Tribute Wall

CT

“ I am very sorry for you loss. I will greatly miss Mrs.Green, she was always so nice and sweet. Mr. Green, my prayers are with you and your family. Thank you! Claudia lab.

claudia p trevino - September 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ To Leo and all of the family of Mary Jane Green,

We were saddened to learn of Mary Jane's death. We extend our deep sympathy to you and hope that memories of her warm personality, artistic gifts, and impact on your lives will bring some measure o

James Rovnyak - September 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Mary:

I don't know if you remember me, but I remember you and your siblings. I am the older sister of Kevin Dennis. We lived on the corner of Marquette & 36th. Kevin graduated from St. Mary's with a degree in Public and Institutional Administration. He

Melissa Dennis - September 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ I treasure a painting she gave me and, yes, it has blue bonnets in the landscape. I think of her everytime I show it to someone! You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Marianne Bennett - September 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

EE

“ Dear Lee Ray,

I remember bringing my Mom and Dad to visit you and Mary Jane in San Antonio in the 70s. What a highlight that was on their visit to Texas!

Henry's and My sincere condolences are with you all. May God Bless and keep you.

Henry and

Eleanor Edwards - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ *Judith Ann and I share in your sorrow and will keep you in our prayers. Mary Jane left a wonderful legacy.*

Richard Rovnyak - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ *Leo, so sorry to hear of Mary Jane's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Helen Miles - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Dear "Prof" Green,*

My sincerest condolences on your loss. I fondly remember Mrs. Green from my student days at St. Mary's and I still recall with sorrow that terrible event that took Leo Jr. from us. As you may remember, he was a friend of mine as well

John Wood - September 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *Dear Uncle Leo,
I am so sorry to hear of Aunt Mary Jane’s passing. Her love
for beauty and creative talents amazed me. Please know we love
you dearly, and our thoughts and prayers are with you during this
very sad time.
Love, Mary Shiflett Alda*

Mary Alda - September 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Mary was always an angel, now she has her wings. God Bless you,

Debra*

Debra Harlach - September 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM