



Mary Word Howard

March 4, 1920 - August 19, 2011

Mary Word Howard of San Antonio, TX went to be with our Lord on August 19, 2011 at the age of 91. She is preceded in death by her husband Walter L. Howard, her son Walter L. Howard III, her mother Jessie Lafferty Kroon, and her sister Vivian Word Curtis, all of San Antonio. She leaves behind a cherished legacy not to be forgotten. She is survived by her daughter-in-law Karen Howard, her grandchildren, Walter L. Howard IV of Austin, Todd Howard and wife Dolores of Del Valle, and Heather Chesnais of Marlborough, MA.; her great grand children Ricardo Howard, Alexandra Chesnais, Christine Chesnais, and Morgan Chesnais. It should be known that, along with her older sister Vivian, Mary continued the tradition of the strong Texas woman, epitomized by her mother Jessie, by protecting, preserving, and loving her family. Mary was no wall flower. Anyone who knew her could attest to that. Like her sister and her mother, she was, in a way, before her time. She attended Southwest Texas State Normal at the age of 16, where she made top grades; while also helping her then future husband pass his classes...earning her the campus moniker of "PassWord". In mid-life, Mary went to work as a proof reader at Ernst and Ernst, where, she told her grandkids, more than once, "Most of the time they can't put two sentences together," which is probably why we speak the way we do. She worked on the board of the Harlandale Independent School District and, later, on the board of the condominium association where she and her husband lived in their retirement. She had a big laugh and a big smile. We will miss her story telling,

her chewing gum, and her jelly beans. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Vitas Innovative Hospice Care. 5430 Fredericksburg Rd, San Antonio, TX 78229. The Howard family would also like to express their thanks to Vitas for all their care and support.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mary and I worked together at Ernst & Ernst, Ernst & Young, and Ernst & Whinney. We spent many hours together and she was absolutely the best. My thoughts and prayers are with her loved ones.*

Rosemary Smotherman

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