



## Mary Lewis Scott Kleberg

December 21, 1920 - February 24, 2009

### KLEBERG

Mary Lewis Scott Kleberg, of Kingsville and San Antonio, Texas passed away peacefully February 24, 2009 at home surrounded by her close knit family and loving caregivers. Born on December 21, 1920 in Austin, TX, she was the youngest child and daughter of Dr. Zachary Thomson Scott and Sallie Lee Masterson Scott. She grew up in her family's historic home, "Sweetbrush" in Austin. She also frequented her family's Scott Ranch, near Amarillo, her mother's hometown. She is a graduate of Austin High School and attended the University of Texas at Austin, where she was elected a Blue Bonnet Belle. While there, she pledged Pi Beta Phi sorority and met and married her husband of 38 years, Richard M. "Dick" Kleberg, Jr dec.. After their marriage, the couple moved to Kingsville, Texas where Dick was employed by King Ranch. She became equally immersed in the life of the Kingsville community and the surrounding ranching area, raising four children. She loved the Lord and had a deeply abiding faith that lifted a cheerful countenance already naturally in place. She loved people and loved having her friends around her at all times. Whether it was a group at the beach house in Port Aransas or a dinner party orchestrated by her; any chance to gather friends was a gift to her. She brought light and life to the world around her. She was an education and arts advocate both in South Texas, San Antonio and in Austin throughout her life first having been appointed to the Board of Directors of the University

System of South Texas USST in 1964 by Governor John Connally. She served in that capacity for 24 years, appointed by three subsequent Texas Governors and at intervals serving as Vice President and Secretary of that board. She "quietly" helped on the negotiations that would make Texas A&M University-Kingsville and the rest of the University System of South Texas part of The Texas A&M University System. In addition, she served as secretary of the University System of South Texas Foundation, Inc. She also served as a member of the board of trustees of St Mary's Hall in San Antonio, Santa Gertrudis ISD, and Epiphany Episcopal Day School both in Kingsville. In July 2008, she and her late husband were honored at Texas A & M University-Kingsville when the Agricultural College was renamed The Dick and Mary Lewis Kleberg College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Human Sciences. Some of the many organizations to which she gave her time and support include in San Antonio, the Ecumenical Center for Religion and Health, Trinity University, San Antonio Botanical Center, and San Antonio Museum of Art. In Corpus Christi she was founding director of KEDT, the public television and radio stations, served on the board of The Art Museum of South Texas and was active with The Texas State Aquarium and Spohn Hospice Program. In Kingsville her activities and support accrued to The Community Concert Association, the Robert J. Kleberg Library, The John E. Conner Museum, the Kingsville Downtown Business Association, The Kingsville Garden Club and she remained a lifetime member of the Kingsville Women's Club at the time of her death. In 1995 she was honored by the Kingsville Chamber of Commerce with the Otis West Lifetime Service Award. Mary Lewis is preceded in death by her husband, her father and mother, her older sister, Ann Scott Hearon; and her brother, Zachary Thomson Scott, Jr. She was also preceded in death by her dear friend and companion, William K. Clark. She is survived by her large and beloved family including her children: Richard M. Kleberg III and his wife, Olive Anne San Antonio, TX, Sally S. Kleberg New York City, NY, Stephen J. Kleberg and his wife Janell Kingsville, TX, and Scott M. Kleberg and his wife Julie Ft. Worth, TX. Also surviving are

grandchildren Anne Marie Kleberg Bailey and husband Jeff; Christina Kleberg Jonker and husband Attie; Benjamin M.K. Espy, DVM and wife Shannon, DVM; Christopher C. Kleberg and wife Kim; Thomas K. Espy, Esq and wife Holly; Richard M. Kleberg, IV and wife Britt; Adrian Kleberg Sabom and husband Rob; Robert J. Kleberg and wife Christina; and Scott M. Kleberg, Jr., Sarah M. Kleberg, Elkin M. Kleberg, and Julie C. Kleberg. And by her great-grandchildren Jeffrey C. Bailey, Jr. and Olivia C. Bailey; Madeleine T. Espy, Claudia G. Espy, and Benjamin Z. Espy; Mia C. Sabom, and Teel K. Sabom; Richard M. Kleberg, V, Beau C. Kleberg, Cebern S. Kleberg; King T. Kleberg, and Stephen J. Kleberg, II; and, and Sophia L. Kleberg. Assisting the family in caring for Mrs. Kleberg have been long time caregivers and special assistants: Nicolasa Garcia, her friend and trusted companion of over 50 years, Veronica Ríos, Celia Peña, Nix Private Care, Dr. Tony Tolcher, START, Dr. Mark Thornton, CHRISTUS VNA Hospice and Palliative Care, Leslie Johnson, Eva Gerragauch, and the SFD family office.

## SERVICES

Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, February 27, 2009, Christ Episcopal Church, 510 Belknap Pl., San Antonio, TX, the Rev. Chuck Collins officiating. A private family interment will follow in Austin, Texas at Austin Memorial Park Cemetery where she will be at rest beside her parents and siblings. Pallbearers will be her grandsons Cardo, Chris, Jay, Matt and Elkin Kleberg, Ben and Thomas Espy. Honorary Pall bearers will be Clyde Allen, Gene Ames, Keith Brown, Martin Clement, Leroy Denman, Bill English, Jim Hayne, B.D. "Peter" Holt, Will Houston, Elkin McGaughy, Dr. Ben Martin, Bill Masterson, Jack Miller, Frank Nelms, Joe Payne, Dick Reynolds, Mike Reynolds, J. Burlson "Burley" Smith, Dr. Richard Sugden, Ben Vaughn III, J. Carrol "Toosy" Wakefield, Stewart "Snake" Wallace and Mitchell Womack. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Mrs. Kleberg's

name be made to: Epiphany Episcopal School, 206 N. Third Street, Kingsville, TX 78363; Friends of Hospice San Antonio, P.O. Box 40487, San Antonio, TX 78229; or Thrive Well Cancer Foundation, START Research, P.O. Box 29331, San Antonio, TX 78229 please note on check for START Research.

# Tribute Wall

GA

“ zghjkl;

gary - April 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Tres-Our prayers are with you and your family.

Dinah Covert & Dwayne Harlan - March 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

IR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Love,  
Iris Rubin and family

Iris Rubin - March 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ We are thinking of you and your family during your time of great loss. Our prayers are with you.

Love - Mike & Terry

Mike & Terry Pilley - March 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Tres, Sally, Tio, Scott and family, I was so sorry to hear about your Mom's passing. She was such a great lady and so much fun. I remember many good times at your house in Kingsville as well as at the ranch. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Claudia Chastant Shroyer-Brown - March 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ *Tres, Tio, Sally, Spouses and Family:*

*Mary Lewis was such a wonderful, beautiful lady, both inside and out. Her smile will hold a special place in many a South-Texan's heart.*

*There are few true ladies left in this world now that she has made the gr*

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**Deborah** - March 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ *Dear Tres, John and I are so sorry that you have lost your mother. I send condolences from my mother too. They lived in the same world and shared their lives. Love, Bonnie*

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**Bonnie & John Korbell** - February 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

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**Mary and Mark Barrett** - February 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ *Sorry for your loss. The Kleberg Family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Ernestina Munoz** - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ On behalf of the Munoz family we lift your family in prayer during your time of pain.

*Hector Munoz*

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**Hector Munoz** - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ We are saddened by your loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

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**Allan & Jody Richards** - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ Sorry for your loss.

*Petra Gonzalez  
SGHS Office*

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**Petra Gonzalez** - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Dear King Ranch Family,

*My deepest condolences for your loss.*

*Mary Lewis will be greatly missed by all in South Texas. She was a gracious and caring lady.*

*I will never forget her during those fun times at the Summer King Ranch Camp, especially t*

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**Ron Woods** - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

OA

“ *Tres, Tio, Sally, and all the Kleberg Family, my thoughts are with you. God Bless You All. Mary Lewis Kleberg was a dear Friend of our family, she was a Great Lady.*

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**omar alvarez** - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ *Our blessings are being sent to the family. Mary Lewis was an incredible lady who shared her knowledge and love with many people. We will miss her, but her soul will always be with us. Our Sincerest Sympathy, Lorell Ryan and Glenda Ryan Jacoby.*

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**Lorell Ryan and Glenda R. Jacoby** - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ *Dear Tio,*

*Please accept our deepest sympathy for the loss of your Mother. You and your family are in our prayers.*

*Glenn & Joyce Hart  
Stratford, Texas*

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**Glenn & Joyce Hart** - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *May the peace of God comfort your hearts in this time of great loss. You are in our prayers and thoughts.*

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**John & Sandy Chisholm** - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ *May the memories held deep within your heart, help to soothe your spirit in this difficult time.*

*The Family of Rotary  
Rotary Club of San Antonio*

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**The Family of Rotary** - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *Kleberg Family: May the love of God surround you during this time of sorrow.*

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**Martha Reynolds** - February 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *great gal*

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**Burton Barnes** - February 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ *We are so sorry for your loss of a wonderful lady. We are thinking of you and keep you and your family in our prayers.  
Ellen and Corbin Snow*

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**Ellen Snow** - February 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Tres, Tio, and rest of family,my prayers go out to all of you. So many wonderful memories your mother left for us all.*

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**Marty Martinez** - February 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Tres & Sally --

*We were very sad to learn of your loss. Your mom was an outstanding lady. I'll always remember her for the kindness and hospitality she extended to me and my family.*

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**Dan McClanahan** - February 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Dear Kleberg family,  
Carr and I are so saddened by the news of Mary Lewis' death, but we know that there is a great reunion going on between Connie and her, best friends in this life and, now, for all eternity. May our Lord give you all His peace and

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**Lynn and Carr Staley** - February 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ Dearest Tres, Olive Ann and family,

*Bert & I want to express our deepest condolences on the loss of your Mother. God bless you and yours!*

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**Elaine Van De Walle-Thompson** - February 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ You are fondly remembered and will be grealy missed by kin and 'old' friends !

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**Bob Melba Gafford** - February 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *Tres and Olive Anne, I was saddened to read of your mother's passing in this morning's paper, but enjoyed reading of her wonderfully fulfilling life. My thoughts and prayers are with yall during this difficult period.*

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**Julie Kallison** - February 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ *Tres, Sally, Tio, and Scott, our condolences to the family. "May Peace and the Grace of God surround the family, in this time of need."*

*Se les quiere,*

*David Cope, Alberto Lolo, Gilberto Tilile Trevino*

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**David Cope Trevino** - February 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Kleberg family  
So sorry for the loss of a truly nice lady. She and Dick were a great part of this town and the Episcopal church for many years. May she rest in peace.*

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**Dave & Rita McCauley** - February 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ *Tres and Sally,  
Dad always spoke so highly of your mother. Since Sarah and I have lost our parents, we share and feel your loss.  
Bob, Jr, and Sarah Banner Howe, Mr and Mrs Robert Dear, Jr.*

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**Bob Dear, Jr** - February 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ Dear Kleberg Family,  
I was sad to hear of the passing of Mrs. Kleberg. This is a profound loss. I know that she was very proud of her family and that she left you with many great and fond memories. God rest her soul and God bless you.  
Respectfully,

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**George F. Dennis, Jr.** - February 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NN

“ Dear Tres & Olive,  
  
Sandra and I send our deepest sympathy and regards to you and your family.  
  
Norm

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**Norman L. Nevins** - February 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ To all of Mary Lewis's blessed family I write for myself as well as for my mom, Betsy Mantor who is in heaven and greeted ML with glee on her "going home" Day!!! She will be so missed here on earth, but such a treasured addition to Our Lord's heaven. I

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**Diana Nana Mantor Shellooe** - February 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ Dear Tres and Olive Ann  
  
Our prayers and thoughts are with you. May God bless your hearts with comfort and peace during this time of great loss.  
  
Boyd And Judy Newby

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**Boyd Newby** - February 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you. We are fortunate to have had such wonderful parents.*

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**Jean Castleberry Adsit** - February 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *May the Peace that passes all understanding here on earth be with the whole family during this difficult time. God Bless you. I am thinking of you and praying for your family.*

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**Terry Scarborough** - February 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *Sweet Kleberg Family- my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time-*

*Best- Lisa*

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**Lisa Spielhagen** - February 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *We were so saddened to learn of the loss of Mary Lewis. She was such a special lady! Our thoughts are with all your families.*

*B. D. Weil McAndrew and Mac McAndrew*

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**B.D.Weil McAndrew** - February 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ DEAR TRES & OLIVE, ET AL--YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I LOVED AND ENJOYED YOUR MOTHER! WE ALWAYS HAD SO MUCH FUN TOGETHER WHEREVER WE WERE--HERE OR THERE OR IN BOERNE OR.....!! WHAT A GRAND LADY SHE WAS AND ALWAYS SO MUCH FUN TO BE WITH. I AM SADDENED FOR ALL OF Y

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**DOSSETT MCCULLOUGH** - February 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ *My deepest sympathy to Tres, Sally, Tio and family.*

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**Rodney E Trant** - February 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ *Kleberg Family,*

*You are in my thoughts and prayers. May your faith, the love you share, and your fondest memories be a source of strength during this difficult time.*

*God Bless, Penny*

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**Penny Riley** - February 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *Mary Lewis Scott Kleberg*

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**Marion** - February 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Dear Tres and Olive Anne  
We have you in our hearts and prayers during your time of hurt and  
sorrow. Just know that she is in a better place.  
All our LOVE  
Bob and Wendy

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**Bob and Wendy** - February 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Tres, Olive Anne, Anne Marie, Christina, and Cardo.  
We are thinking about you and have you in our hearts. We are so  
sorry for your loss.  
Jonathan and Jennifer Delmer

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**Jon and Jennifer Delmer** - February 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Mary Lewis Scott Kleberg

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**Marie Hawkins** - February 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Our deepest sympathy to your entire loving family. Our thoughts and  
prayers are with you at this time.  
Our love,  
Sally & Gerry Solcher

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**Sally S. Solcher** - February 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM