



## Mary Annis Sikes

June 19, 1918 - November 18, 2007

Mary Annis Daniel Sikes, 89, surrounded by her family, peacefully entered heaven November 18, 2007. Funeral services will be Wednesday, November 21, 2007, at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Interment will follow at San Jose Burial Park. Annis Sikes was born June 19, 1918, in Powell County, Kentucky in a log cabin where her great grandparents lived. Her grandfather Milliard Filmore Benningfield and her mother Henrietta Benningfield Daniel also where born there. Annis Sikes came to Texas in 1925 and to San Antonio in 1930, where she lived most of her life. Three years ago she moved to McGregor, Texas, near two of her children. She was a resident at Westview Manor until her death. While there, she made many new friends, both residents and staff, and served as a member of the Residents Council. She graduated ninth grade at Hot Wells schools in 1935 and graduated from Brackenridge High School in 1937 and became a member of the Brackenridge Mid-Thirties Alumni. July 3, 1942, she married N. B. Sikes, the father of her children, whom she reared mostly as a single parent living in San Antonio. As one of her grandsons, Bobby, put it, "To some it seemed she was handed more than her share of adversity. She didn't seem to notice. Always smiling and always happy. It tells a lot about a person's life - to be happy." Annis Sikes retired from the San Antonio State Hospital and became a member of the Texas Retired Employees Association. While at SASH, part of her duties included baking cookies and wrapping presents for the patients at monthly birthday parties and Christmas parties. She worked with her close friend and

neighbor, Mrs. Bertha Sperring, to give parties for the Handicap Club. She always enjoyed cooking for friends, neighbors and church activities. For years, she cooked the beans for the church anniversaries, and this year, unable to cook, she sent Hot Wells Baptist money to help buy the beans. Her house was always open to her children's friends, one time as many as 20 spent the weekend. She always enjoyed helping others, but she also appreciated many many good friends who helped her. For years she worked in the Hot Wells Baptist Church nursery. Hot Wells celebrated its 75th anniversary in October, and she was a charter member. Annis was preceded in death by her parents, C.C. and Henrietta Daniel; brother Louis Guynn Daniel; sister, Martha Schweers. Survivors are sons, Elgynn Derek "Dutch" and wife Susie of Oglesby and Mark Stanton Sikes and wife Becky of Martindale; daughter Portia Sikes McKown and husband Robert of Oglesby. Cherishing memories and love of "Mee-maw" are Dutch and Susie's children: Tonya and sons B.J. and Brady, Cindy, Donna and Sherrie Sikes; Hether Adams and son Luke, Deborah Mulholland and daughter Mariah Sharp; Mark's sons, Eric and Erica and children Rylee and Reagan and Frank and daughter Ashley; Portia's sons, Bobby, wife Debra and children Jake, Jarett and Jaycee, and John and his wife Ashley and children Cash, Alexis and Addyson. Pallbearers are grandsons; Eric Sikes, John and Bobby McKown; son-in-law Robert McKown; son Dutch Sikes and friend Travis Van Treese. For those desiring, memorials may be made to one's church or Hot Wells Baptist Church, 301 Hot Wells Blvd., San Antonio 78223. Psalm 116:15 - "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

# Tribute Wall

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“ *May God's blessings be with you at this time. I have good memories of walking home with Portia and having lunch that Mrs. Sikes had fixed when we were in grade school at Hot Wells. Seems like I remember in particular lima beans! Love, Mollie Avey*

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**Mollie Avey Shipler** - November 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM