



Mary Helen Smith

May 12, 1918 - September 10, 2008

Mary Helen Smith went to be with the Lord on September 10, 2008 at the age of 90. She was born in San Antonio, Texas on June 12, 1918 to Fred Bates Smith and Frances Ferries Smith. She was preceded in death by her brother, Hugh Smith, and her stepmother Mary Frances Smith, with whom she lived happily for more than 60 years. Miss Smith was a chemist and taught chemistry at Highlands High School in San Antonio for many years. She was an active member of Bethany Presbyterian Church formerly Denver Boulevard Presbyterian Church for her whole life. She was one of the first female elders of the church and served the church in many roles, including treasurer and choir member. Upon retirement from her teaching career, she led an enthusiastic life of travel and adventure. She enjoyed cross country skiing, white water rafting on the Rio Grande, Salmon, and Colorado rivers and was a gold medal Senior Olympics cyclist. She cycled in Senior Olympic events into her 80s. Miss Smith is survived by her loving sister, Nancy Stapper of San Antonio, her niece Cindy Stapper of Dixon, New Mexico, her nephew Blake Stapper and his wife Carole of Charlotte, North Carolina, great nephews Ben and Josh Starr, Dan Baumer, and great niece Maggie Stapper, as well as numerous friends. She was cared for in her home in her final days by her sister, and by Aida Mellard of AVIONN and Vitas Hospice Care.

Services

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 pm Thursday, September 11, 2008 at Mission

Park Funeral Chapels South. Funeral services will be at 2:00 pm Friday, September 12, 2008 at Bethany Presbyterian Church with interment to follow in Mission Burial Park South

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Smith Family,
c/oNancy Stapper

A message of sympathy, comfort and caring to help you through this difficult time. Mary Helen will be remembered for her dedication to our Association. She will be greatly missed.

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“ *Mary was a special lady and so great to work with.*

Betty Birdsong - September 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM