



Mary Wilbanks Stephens

June 19, 1923 - August 4, 2004

On August 4, 2004, Mary Wilbanks Stephens joined her husband, Harold Baker Stephens, in Paradise. Born June 19, 1923, Mary Stephens was truly a member of the “Greatest Generation”, as she left her hometown of Cleburne, TX, at age 19 to work for the Department of the Navy in Washington D.C., in 1941. It was there she met “Steve”, the love of her life, with whom she enjoyed a 48-year marriage. After Mr. Stephens’ return from the war, the couple moved to his hometown, San Antonio. Here they raised four children, owned several pharmacies, and shared an abundant life. Although she continued to live an active life after her husband’s death, in her later years, Mary suffered from Vascular Dementia. Mary dealt with Vascular Dementia with dignity and passed peacefully. Survivors are her daughters and their husbands: Pattie Stephens Vretis and Charles Vretis, Terri Stephens Dingley and Bret Dingley, and sons, Roger Glenn Stephens and James Harold Stephens.

Services

Visitation will be held on Friday, from 5:00 - 8:00 PM at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Graveside services will be conducted 1:00 PM on Saturday, August 7, 2004, at San Jose Burial Park with Rev. John Culver officiating. Donations may be made to the San Antonio Alzheimer’s Association requesting their support for research and treatment of Vascular Dementia.

Tribute Wall



“ *Our condolences to Mary's family. Mary was a generous woman who hoped that her contribution to the Women's Health Initiative study would improve the lives of women in future generations. She was a member of the study since 1997.*

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