



Nellie Louise Walker

May 14, 1923 - April 9, 2018

Nellie Louise (Kownslar) Walker passed away peacefully on April 9, 2018 at the age of 94. Nell was born in Eagle Pass, TX on May 14, 1923 to Conrad and Mary Annie (Wipff) Kownslar. Nell spent most of her early years in Eagle Pass with the exception of the few years her family moved to Las Cruces, NM where they had a family farm and apple orchard. Nell loved eating apples right off the apple trees. The family moved back to Eagle Pass where Nell graduated from Eagle Pass High School in 1941. Nell moved to San Antonio when she was 18 and started her Civil Service career at the Ft. Sam Houston Quadrangle. She worked there until she married in 1944 and started her family.

Nell had always enjoyed bowling, when she and her family moved to Plattsburgh, NY in 1958, she joined a bowling team. She was captain of her team and before long she became a certified trainer and teacher. She received many awards and won many trophies. She also encouraged her children to learn how to bowl. All 3 of her children learned to bowl and all bowled on leagues.

Nell had also started back to Civil Service at Plattsburgh AFB.

In 1963 Nell and her family moved to San Antonio where she continued working in Civil Service as a clerk typist at Kelly AFB. A few years later after receiving excellent reviews and several awards, Nell received a promotion. She was promoted to Vehicle Control Specialist for the Directorate of Maintenance. A proud and exciting moment for Nell, as she was the first

woman to hold such an important position previously held by a man. She created and instituted several new programs that enhanced the operation. She received many awards, even receiving a letter from President Jimmy Carter thanking her for the work she had done.

Nell retired in 1976. She and her husband Bud bowled together for a few years. Then they became interested in square dancing and bought their motor home. They traveled all over the United States square dancing. They played Bridge and the Bridge Club went to Hawaii several times.

Nell and Bud loved to travel and took many cruises seeing the world.

Nell had been interested in her family history most of her life. She spent several years researching her ancestors. Her research took her to Virginia and she and Bud travelled there to visit historical sites from the civil war. They also visited Mt. Vernon. Her ancestors, the Washington's, had donated Mt. Vernon to the Mt. Vernon Historical Society. Nell had learned that two of her ancestors had come to America on the Mayflower. Another of her ancestors had founded Jamestown. She was so thankful to her cousin, Allan Kownslar, who had wonderful records of their ancestors. Nell was a member of the Mayflower Compact and Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

Nell is survived by her loving family; sons Edward L. Wellberg, Patrick C. Wellberg, daughter; Ellen Lea (Danny) Davis, step-son; Dave (Bonnie) Walker, grandchildren; Brandon, Elizabeth, Jennifer and Ashley, five great – grandchildren; god-daughter Karen Kneipp, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Nell is preceded in death by her husband Harold (Bud) E. Walker, her parents, two brothers and two sisters.

Nell loved all of her family and loved spending time with them. After she lost her brothers, she was devoted to her older sister Lillian H. Gibson and younger sister Mary F. Swartzmiller, know lovingly by the family as the “Three Sisters. Nell is the last of her family to pass. She was also very devoted to her children and their families. She will truly be missed.

Her physical being has burnt out, but her light will shine forever.

There will be a graveside service at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery,
shelter #1 on April 26, 2018 at 10:00AM

A reception will follow at Los Patios after the service.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR **26**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Tribute Wall



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nellie Louise Walker.* ”



April 26, 2018 at 02:45 PM



“ *Love, Kimberly Walker & Cannon purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Nellie Louise Walker.* ”



Love, Kimberly Walker & Cannon - April 25, 2018 at 06:50 PM



“ *Dave & Bonnie Walker and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Nellie Louise Walker.* ”



Dave & Bonnie Walker and Family - April 23, 2018 at 03:27 PM