



Thala Jewel Carlson

June 21, 1928 - June 8, 2007

Thala Jewel Carlson, loving wife, mother, grandmother and longtime San Antonio resident, passed away on June 8, 2007 at the age of 78. She was born June 21, 1928 in Carbon, TX to the late John and Minnie Sims Ivy. Thala grew up with three brothers and a sister on farm and ranch land near Lometa in Lampasas County. She was active in many school activities and graduated from Lometa High School in 1945. After graduation, Thala attended Business College and worked in Austin. She met Everett James Carlson and they were married September 7, 1946. Mr. Carlson's work as a petroleum geologist took the couple to stops in Hamilton, TX; Midland, TX; and Tulsa, OK, before they settled for good in San Antonio in 1951. The couple raised three children and Thala was very involved as a homemaker, school room mother, Little League baseball mom and Petroleum Auxiliary Club. She has a glowing personality and was said to have "never met a stranger." Thala's life revolved around her family, helping friends, making friends and being a 40 year member of Club Twelve. She took an enormous amount of pride in her husband, three children, four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Mrs. Carlson was an active member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church and enjoyed a great sense of peace and serenity through her work and involvement with others. She had a bright, friendly smile and kind words for everyone, and was complimented throughout her life for her natural beauty and extraordinary blue eyes. Thala had a green thumb in the yard and garden, cooked thousands of big meals for her family, cheered for the Texas Longhorns and savored trips to

Las Vegas. She was a voracious reader of newspapers, books and magazines, and retained a great sense of wonder and appreciation for nature and all of God's Creations. She is survived by two daughters, Karen Hanley of Austin, Diana McNamara and husband Guy of San Antonio; son Larry Carlson and wife Jodie of San Antonio; four grandchildren, Chad McNamara and wife Sarah of San Antonio, Kim Sterling and husband Todd of Austin, Wade McNamara and wife Cathryne of Austin, and Jill Morin and husband Bob of Batavia, NY; great-grandson Jones McNamara and great-granddaughters, Malone McNamara, Ripley McNamara, Ellis Morin and Brooke Sterling.

SERVICES

At Mrs. Carlson's request, cremation has taken place and a Prayer Vigil will be held at 10:30 AM on Monday, June 11, 2007 at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 600 Oblate, San Antonio, TX 78216 followed by a Mass to begin at 11:00 AM.

Tribute Wall

PB

“ To the Carlson Family,
I knew your mother through Blessed Sacrament Church & 5:30
Mass. I was so fortunate to really get to know her at the Forum
where my mother was also a resident. What a lovely lady she
was...always a beautiful smile & kind words.

Patsy Berry - June 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ Larry,

Renee' and I are so sorry for your loss. We both hope you and your
family get through this very trying time with as little stress as
possible. Your mother sounded like a wonderful person, I wish we
could have met her.

Sincerely,
David and

David & Renee' Nolan - June 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Dear Family, My sincere sympathy for your loss of a wonderful
mother and grandmother. Thala was one in a million! Her kindness
and laughter will be with me always. I'd like to grow up and be just
like her.

KiKi Boeck - June 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ My condolences Larry for the loss of your mom. May God's love and mercy aid you and yours as you pass through the days ahead without her in your day to day life. She will live on in your memories. May a smile cross your face each time you remember her.

Liz McDonald - June 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Dear Larry
We are sorry we could not be with you. Our prayers are with you and your family.
Martin Sr. and Rosemary Cantu

Martin Cantu - June 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ Larry,
I'm very sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family.
Tim England

Tim England - June 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ To Thala's Family --I have not known Thala all that long, but would see her almost every Thursday morning when we'd go to The Forum for banking. She was always so kind and always said the sweetest things to me. I will miss her big smile and warm personal

Becky Cotton - June 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Thala was truly a Jewel in the AA community. Her love was so big and complete. I will miss her hugs - she always made me feel like a better person than I am.*

Madonna

Madonna Minarich - June 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ *Larry and family - I'm so sorry for the loss of your mother. She sounds like a wonderful person! Kate*

Kate Peirce - June 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *Dear Family,
My deepest and most sincere condolences. I knew Thala for only a short time and in that short time found her to be a wonderful woman. I feel fortunate to have had the chance to know her.*

Sincerely,

Sean Teague

Sean Teague - June 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Thala meant everything to me. We shared some tears, but more laughter. I loved her deary, but I know now shes looking down on us with that beautiful smile.*

Ben Couch

Ben Couch - June 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM