



Thelma Ophelia Grimes

April 25, 1923 - April 11, 2023

Thelma Ophelia Goodwin Grimes was born 25 April 1923 to William Creath Goodwin and Thelma Elizabeth Betterton in San Angelo, Texas. She was the first of six children, four girls and two boys. All of whom she has outlived.

Ophelia acquired the nickname Cricket while carpooling to work in the 1940s. Her travel mates said she couldn't sit still or stop talking, like an agitated cricket. Turns out an over-active thyroid gland was the cause. Even when the problem was corrected, the nickname stuck with all her friends and acquaintances, but her family still called her Ophelia.

With the start of World War II, the local army base in San Angelo became more active, and many young men arrived for training. One was Charles Grimes from North Carolina. They met at a drug store soda fountain, courted at the USO dances, and married in August of 1942. Cricket and Charlie traveled around the world with the Air Force for 20 years, during which they had two children, Jeanie and Chuck. Later they had five grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. They had been married for 50 years when he died in 1992. Cricket went on for another 30 years, living in San Antonio and then with her children in Rockwall Co., Tx.

Growing up in a singing family, Cricket sang solos with every church and civic choir in which she was a member. She could still carry a tune to the day she died. And we know that now she's singing coloratura soprano in the heavenly host. She died 11 April 2023 in Rockwall, Texas, two weeks shy of her 100th birthday.

GENEALOGY:

Creath Goodwin and Thelma Betterton had Ophelia, Betty Jo, Mary Lou, Wilma, Dubby (WC), and Ernie.

Ophelia Goodwin and Charlie Grimes had Jeanie and Chuck.

Jeanie Grimes and Tim Soyars had Michelle, Chris, and Shannon.

Michelle Soyars and Marc Checchin had Courtney, Justin and Jason.

Chris Soyars and April Setrak had Sean and Robert.

Chuck Grimes and Kim Brown had Terri and Travis.

Terri Grimes and Paul Wendell had Mason and Emily.

Travis Grimes and Amy McKinney had Ethan.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North
3401 Cherry Ridge Drive
San Antonio, TX 78230

Graveside Service

APR 28. 9:30 AM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery
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Tribute Wall

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“ *Godspeed Thelma, a long life, and a kind, caring and loving soul that will be dearly missed, and lovingly remembered. Now eternally reunited with her loving husband Charles after over 30 years, and other family, friends and loved ones gone before. My sympathies to Thelma's family, friends and loved ones.*



Harry Simpson - November 26, 2023 at 12:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thelma Ophelia Grimes.*



April 26, 2023 at 08:45 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Thelma Ophelia Grimes.*



April 26, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Thelma Ophelia Grimes.* ”



April 25, 2023 at 08:37 AM



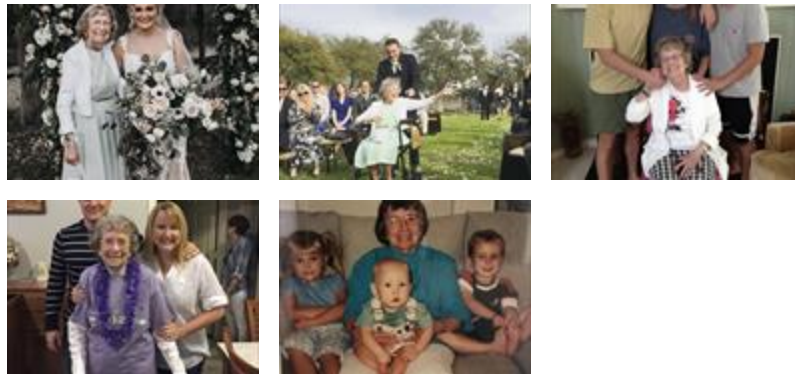
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Michelle Checchin - April 22, 2023 at 01:41 PM



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Michelle Checchin - April 20, 2023 at 01:09 PM