



## Velma Pauline Bellows

August 2, 1919 - August 8, 2013

Velma Pauline Bellows, age 94, longtime resident of San Antonio, passed away on August 8, 2013, in Katy, Texas. Daughter of William and Emily Mueller, Velma was born in Giddings, Texas, on August 2, 1919. She married Clyde L. Bellows Col., USAF retired on March 4, 1938. They shared 35 years of marriage until his death in 1973. Velma was also preceded in death by her son, Clyde Bellows II and her four brothers: Robert, Herbert, Frederick, and Myron Mueller, all of Texas. Velma is survived by her daughter-in-law Bea Bellows, who with her children and their spouses, was Velma's loving caregiver after her move to Katy, Texas. Also surviving Velma are her two daughters, Renee Swalm Chris of Slidell, LA, and Nanci McMaken Luther of Piqua, OH. Grandchildren are Lee Vicky and Jodi James; Todd Tiffany, Jason Tracy, and Emily John; and Bonnie and Austin. Velma loved thirteen great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews, and in-laws. A military wife, Velma spent more than 30 years traveling in such places as Germany, England, and several parts of the United States while raising her family. She enjoyed being a devoted homemaker and was a master at cooking and creative crafts. She played and watched golf and avidly followed her Spurs. Enjoying and making music were primary in her life. Velma read the newspaper every day; she clipped and collected recipes, how-to advice pieces, patterns, inspirational verses... But most of all, Velma collected friends. Active in her neighborhood, church, and retirement community, she will be remembered for her generosity, caring spirit, humor, spunk, and

determined strength. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to House of Prayer Lutheran Church or the charity of one's choice.

#### Services

Visitation will be Thursday, August 15, 2013 from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. Funeral services will be held on Friday, August 16, 2013, at 9:00 AM at House of Prayer Lutheran Church, 10226 Ironside Drive, SAT 78230. Interment will follow at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery.