



## Velma Arlene McCrary

June 20, 1915 - December 16, 2005

Velma Brown Martin McCrary, a loving wife, mother and grandmother, passed away on December 16, 2005 at the age of 90 in her home in Corpus Christi. She was born in Homewood, Kansas on June 20, 1915 the 2nd oldest child of Roy H. Brown and Ruby M. Lyons Brown. Velma grew up in Ottawa, Kansas where she attended Ottawa High School. Velma Arlene Brown was one of nine children.

On July 22, 1933 she married Albert Charles Martin her husband of 20 years. Velma and Albert owned 20th Century Shows where they traveled the United States and made many new friends. After Albert's death, Velma continued to run the show. In October 31, 1953 she married Edward D. McCrary of San Antonio, Texas. She resided in San Antonio until her move to Corpus Christi in 2001. Velma enjoyed her extensive travels around the world, gardening and being in the outdoors. She was an avid reader and enjoyed spending time with her poodles. Velma was also very involved with the Amusement Industry participating in groups such as the Showman's League of America Women's Auxiliary.

Velma was preceded in death by her parents; her two husbands, Albert Charles Martin & E. D. McCrary; her sisters, Agnes Vivian Harder, Berniece Virginia Evans, Patsy Mae Harper, Gladys Pearl Brown; and her brother Roy Howard Brown Jr.

Velma's survivors include her only son Charles Leonard Martin and his loving wife Irma Ulisse Martin; four beautiful granddaughters, Carrie Lee Martin,

Christina Lynn Martin, Lynn Martin Russell and Carol Ann Tennenbaum; one very special grandson, Gilbert Ramirez; Six great-grandchildren. two of which she was especially close to, Megan Elise Russell and Connor Martin Russell; there are numerous nieces and nephews; also Carmen and Pete Vargas devoted family friends; And Penny her baby poodle who stayed by her side till the end.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *I'm very sorry for your loss. She was a wonderful person and will be truly missed.*

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**Glen Bielski** - December 20, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *Our thoughts are with the family.*

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**Corky and Marilyn Jones** - December 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM

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“ *a role model, for wommen, a trail blazer,into thebuz.world.you will live for ever in our hearts, and renew our sprit,in tolerance. you will brighten, ever star in heaven, we will think of you , and keep your courage,as our inspration*

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**NANCY DEMPSEY** - December 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM