



Wilma Jeanette Player

February 14, 1911 - December 23, 2013

Wilma Jeanette Player of 13411 George Road, San Antonio, Texas, who was 53 days short of her 103rd birthday, passed away on Monday, December 23, 2013. At the time of her death in her home, she was surrounded by members of her loving family and caregivers. Wilma Player was born on February 14, 1911 on a homestead farm 6 miles South of Gering, Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska. She was the daughter of Edward M. and Daisy Graves Pattison, each of whom predeceased her as did her siblings Helen, Wayne, Burtis, Dorothy, Max, and Gale. She married David Campbell Player on July 7, 1943, in West Chicago, Illinois. He preceded her in death on March 1, 2008. They had two children: Dr. David M. Player Beth and Jennifer Player ZaccagniJim, Deceased each of whom reside in San Antonio, Texas. Mrs. Player's son by a prior marriage, Richard L. Thies Marilyn of Urbana, Illinois, also survives. The life of Wilma Player was one of Service and Discipleship to others. Following graduation from the Gering High School, she received a teaching certificate which allowed her to teach in the rural pioneer schools of Western Nebraska. After teaching for three years, she moved to California where she became active in Christian work as a Youth and Choir Director. Following her marriage to David C. Player and at the conclusion of World War Two, the family settled in Gibson City, Illinois, where, in addition to homemaking, she directed a local church choir, taught music in schools in the area and gave piano lessons to many young people. She later lived in rural Weldon and Harpster, Illinois, where Mr. Player was in the Country Elevator business. She often assisted

her husband in weighing and dumping grain in the elevator and was dearly loved by the farm families that they served. In each of those communities she used her God given talents by teaching Bible studies, giving piano and voice lessons and directing church choirs. Following her husband's retirement from the grain business in 1978, they moved to San Antonio, Texas , to be near their son Dr. David M. Player and his family. Sometime after that, Jennifer and Jim Zaccagni moved from Illinois to join the family in San Antonio. Throughout her life, Wilma Player devoted herself to serving those around her be they family, neighbors, or persons in need. Her goal was to emulate the life of her Lord and Master , and without question all who knew her or who were touched by her life would agree that she succeeded. In addition to her children, she is survived by 12 grandchildren: David C. Thies Jodie, Nancy Thies Marshall Charlie, Susan Thies Harrison Michael, John E. Thies Terry, Anne Thies Peters Jeff, Amy Player Metzger Rob, Heidi Player, J. Nat Player Kellie, Daniel Player Sylvia, Kirsten Skeens Burkholder Jacob, Hayden Zaccagni Amber, and Amanda Zaccagni Herring Jonathan. She is also survived by 29 Great Grandchildren : Stephanie Thies Geier Brian, Daniel Thies Page, Michael Thies Kristin, Adam Thies, Ryan Marshall Ali, Caitlin Marshall, John Marshall, Isaac Harrison, Marie Harrison, Elizabeth Harrison, Will Harrison, Kathryn Thies, Caroline Thies, Drew Peters, Luke Peters, Bailey Peters, Davis Metzger, Carol Metzger, Aimee Metzger, Hannah Player, Cullen Player, Jackson Player, Samuel Player, Nathan Player, Luke Player, Soren Burkholder, Sloane Burkholder, Tirzah Zaccagni, Brenna Zaccagni, Rocco Zaccagni, West Zaccagni, Noah Herring, and Samuel Herring. She is also survived by 2 Great Great Grandchildren : Edward Charles Thies and Lucille Wilma Marshall.

SERVICES

Memorial Services will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, December 28, 2013 at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 211 Roletto Dr., San Antonio, Texas.

Graveside services will be held at 9:45 AM on Monday, December 30, 2013 at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery.