



Wilnora Barton Arnold

November 11, 1923 - November 20, 2017

Wilnora Barton Arnold of San Antonio age 94, passed peacefully Monday, November 20, 2017, in Cedar Park, Texas.

Born Wilnora (“Nora”) Mae Barton on Nov. 11, 1923 in Bertram, Burnet County, Texas to Alfred and Beulah Inman Barton, she was one of 4 children. She spent her childhood with her brothers, Herman, Wayne, and Charles Barton on the family farm near Bertam, and then went on to the University of Texas at Austin, where in 1944 she earned her BA in English literature. An accomplished student, Wilnora went on to earn a graduate degree from Louisiana State University in Library Science in 1946.

Following her graduation from LSU, Wilnora accepted a position at the Texas A&M Univ. Library in College Station, Texas where she met James Barto Arnold, Jr. The two married on July 13, 1947, and established their family in the Alamo Heights neighborhood of San Antonio, Texas. During her time in San Antonio, Wilnora and Barto, Jr. were blessed by the birth of two sons, James Barto Arnold III of Austin, TX and his little brother, Gary Barton Arnold. In addition to devoting herself to motherhood, she continued to work as a librarian and was employed at Saint Mary’s Hall, Northside (John Marshal) High School, and, for many years, at San Antonio College. She was an active member of her church community at Alamo Heights United Methodist Church (AHUMC).

Wilnora was an avid reader and enjoyed following current events and the economy. She was a world traveler, and her love of history led her to take

several tours in Europe during her retirement. During this time she also remained steadfastly devoted to her faith and her church family, volunteering regularly at AHUMC. Perhaps her greatest joy was spending time with her son, Barto and her grandchildren. Some of the family's fondest collective memories are of trips to Bandera, Texas for summer vacations at the Mayan Dude Ranch, a tradition which the family continues.

Wilnora is preceded in death by her parents and 3 brothers, as well as by her husband, and son Gary. She will be dearly missed by her surviving son, James Barto Arnold III and wife Sherrie Arnold; three granddaughters and their spouses, Kathryn Arnold (Jacob Villanueva), Julie Arnold Robb (Phillip), Jessica Arnold Bohne (Lee); and her great grandson, Charles Bohne, all of Austin.

Wilnora was a loving family matriarch who led by quiet example. Her family will remember Mammaw as a champion of education, trailblazing professional woman, consummate southern lady, unfalteringly independent individual, and as a faithful servant of the Lord.

Memorial services will be held to honor Wilnora in San Antonio at Alamo Heights United Methodist Church on Thursday, Nov. 30, 2017 at 1:30 PM and at the Shady Grove Church in Burnet County on Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017 at 11:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Friends of the Bertram Library, 170 N. Gabriel Street, Bertram, TX 78605 and/or Shady Grove Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 236, Bertram, TX 78605-0236.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 30. 1:30 PM (CT)

Alamo Heights United Methodist Church
825 East Basse Road
San Antonio, TX 78209

Memorial Service

DEC 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

Shady Grove Church
Burnet County

Tribute Wall



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Wilnora Barton Arnold.*



November 28, 2017 at 10:02 AM



“ *To Barto and Family:*

I can't tell you how many times Allie and Barto complimented Wilnora on the great care and attention she gave them. She was a fabulous Daughter-in-Law and a great lady!

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Charlie Jeffers

Charlie Jeffers - November 27, 2017 at 04:47 PM