



Frances Louise Nickelsen
November 19, 1917 - February 22, 2017

Frances was born in Dayton, Ohio, to Gerald George Garwood and Katherine (Blake) Garwood. From there they moved to Toledo, Ohio, to live with Gerald's parents, George Estes Garwood and Frances (Jackson) Garwood. Frances and younger brother, Byron, grew up with a grandfather who was a doctor and a father who worked for the US Post Office. Frances said that during the Depression, they were fortunate to have a roof over their heads and food on the table. On March 20, 1937 Frances married Bernard Charles Nickelsen and together they raised 4 children. In 1945, while Bernard was serving in the military, Frances helped as a Gray Lady for the Red Cross and worked at a local bakery. After 30 years in Toledo, Bernard & Frances moved to a small lake near Hudson, Michigan, until Bernard's retirement from Hickory Farms. In 1980, they decided to move to San Antonio, Texas. Following Bernard's death in Oct. 1993, Frances relocated to Benbrook, Texas, to be closer to her daughter, Carol, in Ft. Worth, Texas. She returned to San Antonio in 1996.

Besides her great love for being a homemaker and mother, Frances enjoyed being involved in her church, entertaining friends, playing the card game bridge, flower gardening, reading, doing crossword puzzles, and traveling, especially to Hawaii.

Frances is preceded in death by her husband Bernard, parents Gerald and Katherine Garwood, sibling Byron Garwood and son James Nickelsen. Frances is survived by her daughter Carol Olt, sons Robert Nickelsen (fiance Martha) and Gerald (Theresa) Nickelsen. She is also survived by daughter-in-law, Cathie Nickelsen, and grandchildren Jim (Tamera) Nickelsen, Pamela Nickelsen, Joel (LeAnn) Nickelsen, Brice (Vera) Nickelsen, Edward Olt, and 9 great-grandchildren Trey, Nickels, Anna, Byron, Austin, Keaton, Aubrey, Lauren, and Payton.

A memorial service will be held at Fort Sam Houston Memorial Cemetery, Wed., March 15, 2017, 2:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made in Frances' name to the American Red Cross (www.redcross.org) or (www.redcross.org/tx/san-antonio).