



**Mary Josephine Feldtman Wright**  
**12/12/1924 – 06/24/2021**

Mary Josephine Feldtman Wright left her earthly home in San Antonio, Texas and joined the Lord in Heaven June 24, 2021. Jody, as she was known to family and friends, was 96 years old. She was born in La Grange, Texas on December 12, 1924 to Joseph Adolph and Mary Frances Rippel.

Jody is preceded in death by her parents, husband and father of her children Earnest Floyd Feldtman, husband Maxwell Wright, sisters Dorothy Nell Rippel Tilbury and Lucille Ripple Gooch. Jody is survived by her children Robert Warren Feldtman (Susan), Earnest Floyd “Sonny” Feldtman (Barbara), Martha Feldtman Noell (Robert), and Katy Feldtman. She was proud of her nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Jody and Floyd raised their family in Edinburg, Texas. Floyd passed away in 1970 at the age of 50. Jody worked at the University of Texas Pan American Library for her entire career. Her love of reading and history prompted her to attend the university and pursue a degree in History. She traced her family and the Feldtman ancestry back hundreds of years and shared her findings with family. She then researched and wrote a book entitled *Czechs in Grey and Blue Too*, chronicling the Fayette County area Czech migrants and their participation in the Civil War.

Jody loved playing adult league tennis and was frequently asked by the university tennis coach to play with the college tennis teams to challenge their skills. She was an accomplished seamstress having sewn for ladies to earn a bit of money in the early years of her marriage.

After her children were grown, she met and married Maxwell Wright of San Antonio. They married in 1983. Max and Jody loved to travel with their travel trailer and made many friends on their adventures. She enjoyed taking photos of their travels and shared them with family. They frequently visited family in Council Bluff, Iowa, Max's hometown. Max embraced the Feldtman family and was a wonderful grandfather to Jody's grandkids. Max died in 2014 at the age of 93.

Jody quickly found ways to utilize her talents in San Antonio. She was a docent at the Institute of Texan Culture and worked restoring old books. Jody and Max were very involved in the Alamo Heights United Methodist Church. Jody volunteered as their librarian. Jody read and collected books on Texas history. She had an extensive Texana collection that remains in the family today. Jody and Max were accomplished gardeners, growing flowers, vegetables and figs.

Dementia set in late in life and robbed her of her memories and skills. Max was a wonderful caregiver until they both were not healthy enough to live on their own. Jody and Max were blessed to be cared for until their deaths by Lidia Moncada at Sunny Spirits in Windcrest, close to their home. She was visited regularly by staff of Alamo Heights United Methodist Church.

A private memorial will be held later. Funeral home services being provided by Funeral Caring USA, 6500 IH 35N, San Antonio, TX 78218.

To remember Jody, donations can be made to the Wright Memorial at Alamo Heights United Methodist Church, 825 E Basse Rd, San Antonio, TX 78209, memo Wright Memorial for Library. Donations can also be made to the UTSA Institute of Texan Cultures at <https://texancultures.utsa.edu/donation/>, designate Institute of Texan Cultures, Jody Wright.

