



Vernell Dawson
December 17, 1927 – July 18, 2021

Vernell (Nell) Elenora Jung Dawson went to be with the Lord on July 18th at the age of 93. She passed away peacefully, thanks to the wonderful staff of Blue Skies of Texas Hospice. She was born in Fredericksburg, Texas and moved to San Antonio at the age of four. She attended St. Leo's Elementary School, Blessed Sacrament Academy, and Incarnate Word College. After WWII, she met Melvin (Mel) Dawson of San Antonio, Texas and on June 21, 1946, they were married. Mel was a member of the U.S. Air Force, and she was a service wife until his retirement in 1965.

Nell was a long-time member of St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church and was always active in church activities. She was an Altar Society Member for decades and became active in volunteer work at Wilford Hall Medical Center. She enjoyed making baby afghans and made rosaries to donate to the less fortunate. She was highly creative and enjoyed making even small events incredibly special. She loved her family and was especially fond of her grandchildren and great grandson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, August and Clara Fritz Jung; Melvin Dawson, her husband of 52 years; her daughter Ruth Dawson Russell; her grandson Christopher Pietila; siblings Robert Jung, Albert Jung and Nora, Werner Jung and Mary, Elsie McCall and Albert, Adela Burnett, Anna Rankin and Orie, Rita Kathryn Dean, and Evelyn Henson and Archie. She is survived by her daughter Kathy McGuire and her husband Bobby; daughter Carolyn Massello and her husband Tom; daughter Jane Dawson; and son Jim and his wife Brenda Mares Dawson; her grandchildren Jennifer Thuell and her husband Nicholas, Laura Nell Dawson, and Michael Dawson; great grandson James Thuell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In recent years Nell resided at Blue Skies of Texas, first at Liberty House and most recently at The Vista. A Memorial Mass for Nell will be held in the Blue Skies of Texas West High Flight Chapel on August 2nd at 10 a.m., with a reception following at 11 a.m. There will be a private burial service at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery on August 3rd.

"I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith." (2 Timothy 4:7)

