



Lydia Mary Howard

August 28, 1916 - February 15, 2010

Lydia Mary Howard Lydia Mary Howard, 93, passed away on February 9, 2010. Born in Dime Box, Texas on August 28, 1916, Lydia was preceded in death by her beloved husband of almost 65 years, Calvin B. Howard, and by her father, Josef, her mother, Frances, and her brothers and sister, Adolph, Joe, August (Goody), Rudolph (Rudy), Reinard (Riney), and Albena (Baby). Lydia is survived by 10 nieces and nephews, 22 great nieces and nephews, 36 great, great nieces and nephews, and several great, great, great nieces and nephews. Lydia graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 1939 prior to marrying Calvin in 1940. They met on the UT campus as freshmen in 1934 and continued their courtship throughout Calvin's pursuit of a law degree from UT Law School. Among other places, Lydia and Calvin lived in Minneapolis, St. Louis, and Indianapolis prior to Calvin's retirement from the FBI after 27 ½ years of service in 1972, at which time they moved to Elkins Lake in Huntsville, Texas. Lydia was very active in golf in each community they lived and won 19 club championships in 4 different states – Minnesota, Missouri, Indiana and Texas. She also served in various official capacities in the Women's Elkins Lake Golf Association and the Indiana Old Ladies Golf Association, a statewide organization whose state tournament she won 2 years in a row. Lydia and Calvin both enjoyed playing golf everywhere they lived as well as at numerous well known courses in the United States and in Scotland and Hawaii. Lydia retired from the golf after suffering a stroke in 2000. Lydia was an active member and supporter of St. Thomas Catholic

Church in Huntsville for 34+ years where she served as a Lector prior to her stroke. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Thomas Catholic Church, 1323 16th Street, Huntsville, Texas 77340, or Thee Hospice, 2505 Lake Road, Suite 2, Huntsville, Texas 77340. Pallbearers will be Bobby Barnes, Paul Howard Barnes, John Robert Barnes, John Michael Spacek, Barney O'Neill and Bob Gabel. Rosary will be recited 5:00 p.m. at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville on Sunday, February 14, 2010. The body will lie in state from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sunday, February 14, 2010 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. Memorial Mass will be at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Huntsville at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 15, 2010 with Father Stephen Payne officiating. Graveside services and interment will be at Holy Cross Cemetery in Granger, Texas. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ Lydia Mary Howard

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ Lydia gave me my most prized award-a golf trophy for "most improved." I treasure this because it was a gift she'd gotten from Cal when she "lost" a tournament-coming in 2nd place long ago.

But, even though she knew my golf never improved again, she was my friend and wouldn't give up on me. I'll miss her very much.

Love, Anne Sigler

Anne Sigler - February 12, 2010 at 05:37 PM



“ Lydia was a friend in golf. When I moved to elkins she told me I could not chip to these greens with a seven iron. I said yes mamam and preceded to do what I had been doing forever. She is missed.

Gerry Moulder - February 12, 2010 at 12:13 PM



“ Aunt Lydia was the sweetest person, but always ready to tell you how it should be done or to corret you , to make you a better person. She will truly be missed by the entire family, as the last of the GREAT'S on our family tree. But her spirit will be carried on.I know she and Uncle Cal or having a great golf game now and joined by others of the family who golfed, but the other ones are in the gallery at the 18th waiting for them.G

Gary & Beverly Iselt and family - February 12, 2010 at 12:07 PM

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“ Lydia was a dear friend..never hesitating to tell you how you should be hitting the golf ball.

She was a great asset to the ELWGA..She was a lady with strict rules..She spoke in a low voice but it was where you "stopped and listened"!

Please accept my love and condolences to the family. Jeanne Kellam

Jeanne Kellam - February 11, 2010 at 07:09 PM

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“ Lydia was my elderly friend when I moved to Huntsville, we played golf & went to Interclub together - I always drove, that was one of our jokes, she always told me "how to get there" & at what speed we should be going. She tried so hard to make me a better golfer than I would ever be, even coming out to the driving range after her stroke, leaning on her walker, giving me instructions. The last couple of years she seemed confused when I called, so I didn't call as often as I should have. She has & will be in my thoughts & I will miss her. Please accept my deepest condolences, Sincerely, Kay

Kay Hidalgo - February 11, 2010 at 06:50 PM

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“ Lydia was a grand old dame and she worked hard at trying to help each of us be a better person and of course, a better golfer. She remains a treasure for ELWGA, forever in our thoughts.

marian mcdonald - February 11, 2010 at 12:27 PM

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“ *It was my pleasure to care for Mrs. Howard this past month. She had a wonderful smile and adored her caregivers Latene and Janis. They took wonderful care of her and knew her so well. As I listened to the stories told about her, it is evident that she touched many with her wit, wisdom and no nonsense approach to life. May her family and friends hold those memories close. Our lives are better because of her.*

Tami Dees, RN - February 11, 2010 at 11:44 AM