



Mary Belle Hoff

August 17, 1920 - October 18, 2004

Celebrating the life of Mary Belle Barrett Hoff Mary was born August 17, 1920 to Caroline and Leonard Barrett, deceased October 13, 2004. She received her teaching certificate in 1939 and began her career instructing grades 1 – 8 at a country school in Estherville, Iowa. Mary enlisted in the WAVES April 1944 and began serving as a Hospital Apprentice in August 1944 in Oakland, California caring for the many wounded men of WWII. She married Harold Hoff in 1945. His career took them across Texas where Mary made lifelong friendships in each of the towns they lived: Wichita Falls, Greenville, Palestine, Richardson, Longview and Abilene. In Abilene she worked in civil service at Dyess Air Force Base and eventually retired from the Social Security Department in 1988 at Brownwood. After retiring she spent her time volunteering at public schools, nursing homes and Lake Brownwood Methodist Church. She and Harold lived many years in Brownwood where Mary had countless very close friends. Soon after Harold died in 1995 she moved to The Estates in Granbury, TX. In the spring of 2003 she decided it was necessary to move closer to her surviving son in Huntsville. Her gift of pragmatism was a blessing to Larry and Sandra. Mary is preceded in death by husband Harold, son Jerry, and grandson Brian. She is survived by her immediate family: son and daughter-in-law Larry and Sandra Hoff, grandson Bradley Hoff, granddaughters Leslie and Lauren Hoff and Marnie Kivela and by the smartest little girl she's ever seen - great granddaughter Alexis Kivela. She is also survived by sisters Ruth Thrane and Margaret Hansen; brothers

and sisters-in-law Raymond and Mary Barrett and Earl and Ruth Barrett; numerous nieces and nephews and numerous great nieces and nephews. She will be missed and remembered by many friends in Texas, including Brownwood, Granbury and Huntsville. She treasured friendship and was a treasured friend. Clearly the world will be a lesser place without her compassion, intelligence, optimism and perseverance, to mention a mere fraction of the qualities God bestowed upon her. The family wishes to express their deep appreciation to the staff and residents at The Carriage Inn for their unlimited expressions of concern and love for this dear woman. We would like to also express our gratitude for the love and kindness shown by nurses and staff at both Huntsville Memorial and Conroe Regional Hospitals. Truly your reasons for going into the medical field were clearly defined by the comprehensive care you gave our Mary. Thank you. A memorial service will be held Monday 10:30 am, October 18, 2004 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home; 1700 Normal Park Drive, Huntsville TX., (936) 291-7300. The Reverend Richard Hetzel will officiate. In lieu of flowers the family wishes donations be made in Mary's name to the Happy Hill Farm Academy/Home, 3846 N. HWY. 144, Granbury, Texas 76048, (254)897-4822 or at donations@happyhillfarm.org.

Tribute Wall



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