

DOROTHY NELL McDERMOTT

1925 - 2007

Dorothy Nell McDermott went home at the age of 82 on April 22nd 2007 at 10:53 a.m. after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's in the company of her dutiful and loving daughters. She was born Dorothy Nell Harper on a snowy day January 21st 1925 in San Antonio, Texas. She is preceded in death by her husband John V. McDermott, parents Harlan & Julia Viola Harper of San Antonio, brother Woodrow Wilson Harper of Dallas and brother James Elton Harper of San Antonio. She is survived by her daughters Julia Nell McDermott and Laurie Ann McDermott of Dallas, brother Harlan & Linda Harper Jr. of Garland and cousins Norman & Norma Brown of Grapevine, Leroy & Millie Brown of San Antonio as well as many loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

Growing up in San Antonio she enjoyed riding with her father on his milk routes and visiting at her grandmother Julia Coker-Kelley's farm, attended Coker Community Methodist Church and learned to play piano and dance. During her teenage years she enjoyed going to the local USO as WWII was on and developed a deep devotion to God and Country a devotion that would later earn her the nickname "Yankee Doodle Dorothy" to her children. During her life she had wonderful opportunities for travel and lived for a time in Japan and Holland and traveled to Italy, Paris, England and Germany as well as many locations in the United States. After her marriage to John V. McDermott in 1957 they lived in Dallas and was a member of Lovers Lane Methodist Church and then later after moving to Farmers Branch became a member of First United Methodist Church of Carrollton where she taught a 2nd Grade Sunday School and was very involved in church activities. While living in Kerrville Texas for a time she became a member of The Daughters of the Republic of Texas and was very proud that she was a descendant of the extended family of John Coker, pioneer and hero of the Texas Revolution.

She had a light in her and she loved Jesus. She shall be sorely missed by many friends and family.

Prepared by Julia McDermott - 04/2007