

Lillian Frances Deregibus October 11, 1923 – November 14, 2019 El Paso - Lillian Frances Deregibus passed away November 14 at the age of 96. Born October 11, 1923 in Seymour, TX. Her parents were William and Lola McElhannon. In the 1930's her family moved to Brady, TX where she grew up. In 1941 she attended Texas Women's College as a music major. During the war she returned to Brady where she met and married Francis (Frank) Albert Deregibus who was a flight instructor at Curtis Field. They moved around for the next 7 years with Pan American Airways and then moved to Colorado City, TX where they lived for 35 years. Frances worked as a bookkeeper and was very involved in the choir at the First Methodist Church. She played the piano all her life and played the organ in church for a number of years. She enjoyed being in the local theater group and being in several plays. She served as President of the Texas Jaycee-Ettes. In 1986 she and Frank moved to Santa Teresa, NM to be closer to family. Frances was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She loved to travel and enjoyed music and dancing and was an active member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church. She is a Life Master and played duplicate bridge right up until the time of her death. She also recently celebrated her birthday with a Whataburger party, her choice. She and Frank were married for 67 years until his death in 2010. She is survived by daughter Dana Deemer (Mark), son Dr. William E. Deregibus (Melissa), six wonderful grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, and one nephew. The family would like to thank the wonderful staff at White Acres Assisted Living. A Celebration of Life will be held at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 5005 Love Rd at 10:30am on Wednesday, November 20, 2019, with Pastor Russell A. Nebhut. In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to St. Mark's United Methodist Church in honor of Frances. Services entrusted to Sunset Funeral Home-West, 480 N. Resler Dr. Please visit our online register book at [www.sunsetfuneralhomes.net](http://www.sunsetfuneralhomes.net)Lillian Frances Deregibus



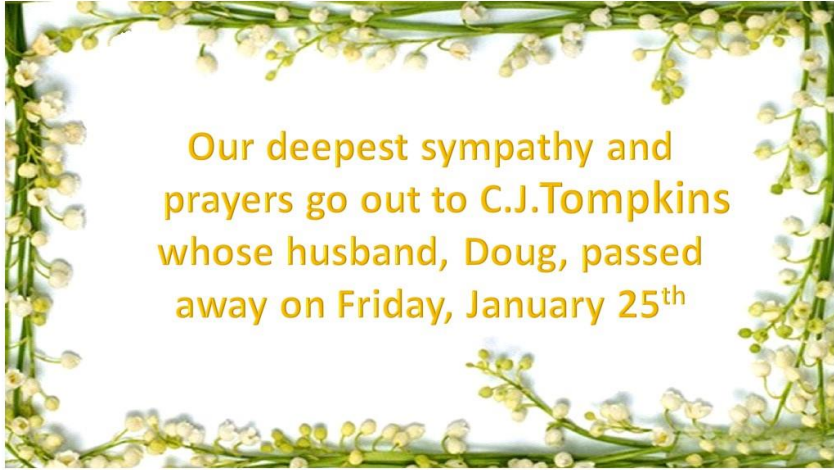
Betty Alderman Banta 06/27/34 - 09/06/19 Daughter of LeNere Sims and David William Alderman was born in Teague, Texas and raised in San Angelo, Texas. Survived by daughters Susan Farris and Sara Kate Swenson and long-time beloved son-in-law John Swenson, and son William Vaughn Banta and wife Julie. Also, five grandchildren, Shannon Treanor (Joe), Paige Lane (Bobby), Parker Swenson, Lola Banta and Matthew Davis. Great grandchild, Lauren Lane. Predeceased by sisters Annie Lin Risinger and Ellalie Martin. Nieces and nephews, Mary Lin Howell, Kathleen Martin, John Martin and wife Denise, Duane David Risinger and wife, Kai. She was retired from the US Small Business Administration and a graduate of UTEP. For many years she was active in community life working with El Paso Dental Wives Club, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and children's groups in the Methodist Church. She loved gardening and raising roses and she was a silver life master of the America Contract Bridge League. Services will be private for family members only. Published in El Paso Times on Sept. 15, 2019.

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Fleta Nance Pruett 1922 - 2019 Obituary El Paso - Fleta Nance Pruett placed her last bid and attended her last soiree before passing away on June 7, 2019. Fleta was born on February 22, 1922 in Ringgold, GA. Raised on a small farm, she started work at the Lawless Bedspreed Mill, where she was a star player for the company softball team. She then graduated from business school and served as a Radar Technician at Fort Oglethorpe during World War II. Shortly before the war ended in 1945, she married Albert Jennings Pruett and cherished her fifty-three years with him. They built a life in El Paso, TX where Fleta lovingly raised two children and was an active member of the community. She was a member of the Decker Bridge Club; and attained ACBL Ruby Life Master status. She traveled to numerous places in the United States and in Great Britain to play bridge and regaled many with her stories and successes from these tournaments. She served as the local President of the DAR, and as a Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star. Fleta delighted in her time with the Lower Valley Woman's Club and the El Paso Toast Mistress club. Fleta also had a life-long love of singing, she sang with her sisters on the radio in Georgia in the 1930's and 1940's, continuing to sing in her later years with a Gospel group. She celebrated many friendships throughout her life, including with Patricia Seitsinger. She is predeceased by her loving husband AJ Pruett, siblings Edgar Nance, Bruce Nance, Ila Smith and Agnes Druwillie Edwards. She is survived by her son Stephen Jennings Pruett, daughter Sharon Pruett Bidwell, grandchildren Michael Pruett, Stephen Pruett Jr., Tara Bidwell and Tanya Bidwell and great grandchild Miles Pruett. Fleta's family loved and cherished the time spent with her. There will be an 8:15am viewing at Hillcrest Funeral Home on Thursday June 13th, with a graveside service to follow at Fort Bliss National Cemetery at 9:30am. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your favorite charity.



Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to C.J.Tompkins whose husband, Doug, passed away on Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>



## Mary Lou Woods

November 9, 1930 to  
October 3, 2019


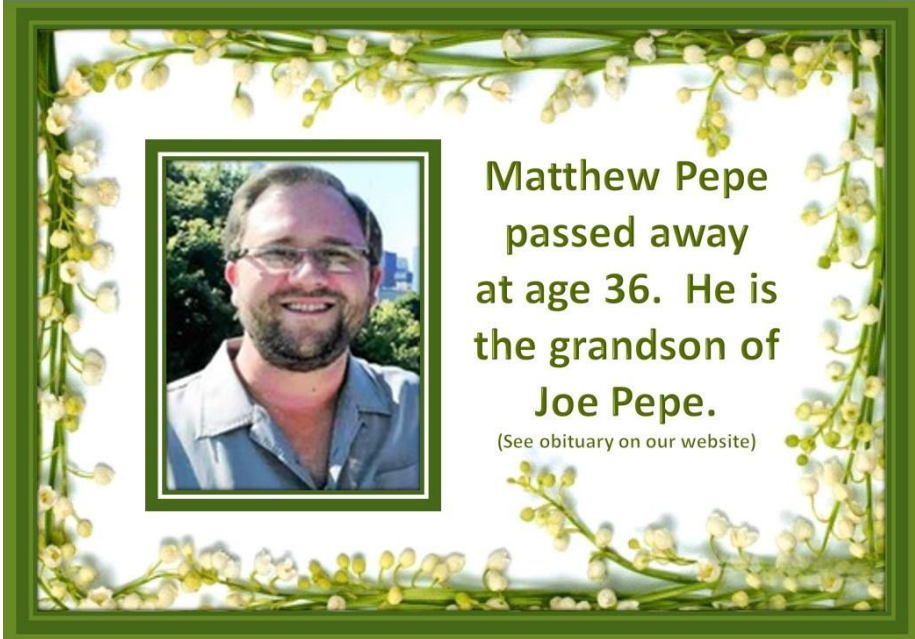
Longtime member of our bridge club  
in the 60s through the early 80s

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## Rosie Edwards

Rosie was born on June 9, 1936 and  
She passed away on Saturday,  
August 3, 2019 at the age of 83



Matthew Pepe  
passed away  
at age 36. He is  
the grandson of  
Joe Pepe.

(See obituary on our website)