



Grace Patricia Alexander

Grace Patricia Alexander, a Burnet resident for the past 17 years and a Galveston resident for the previous 29 years, peacefully passed away at her residence in the early morning hours of December 30, 2005. She boldly struggled with all her strength, but cancer overtook her body after a six-month battle. She was 78 years old.

Grace was born on March 15, 1927 in Victoria, Texas to Alvin Berthol (A.B.) and Leonie Miller. She graduated from Albany High school, and one year later married Joshua David Alexander, whom she met at Schriener College in Kerrville. After several moves, they settled in Galveston, Texas in

1959. Grace worked in the Personnel Department at the University of Texas Medical Branch for many years prior to her retirement. After retirement, she and Josh built a house on Lake Buchanan where they lived until her death.

Grace was an avid gardener and a grower of daylilies. Over the years, she sold many daylilies to Burnet area residents through Alexander Daylilies. She was a Texas Master Gardener and a Lifetime Member of the American Hemerocallis Society. She frequently traveled the country serving as a daylily judge for the AHS. Her last judging trip was to Albuquerque, New Mexico this past summer. In addition to these activities, she was an Avon Representative for 31 years, earning numerous Albee Awards as a top-seller.

Grace loved to travel. Some of her notable trips with Josh were to Hawaii, the Panama Canal, the Caribbean, and up to Alaska in a travel trailer. She also took many trips with her friend and sister-in-law, Dolores Alexander. Grace and Dolores traveled together to the Holy Land and through parts of Europe.

The family wishes to thank Girling Hospice for

the help they gave Josh in the last week of Grace's life.

She was preceded in death by her mother, father, and brother, A. B. Miller, Jr. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Josh Alexander; two sons, Robert D. Alexander and his wife Terrye of Bend, Oregon and Steve K. Alexander and his wife Pam of Bayou Vista, Texas; one daughter, Linda G. Alexander of Kemah, Texas; one sister, Julie Menges and her husband Robert of Hunt, Texas; six grandchildren, Micaela, Steve, Jr., Erin, Melissa, Matthew, and Amanda; one great-grandchild, Roman; and several nieces and nephews.

An open visitation was Monday, January 2, 2006 at Clements-Wilcox Funeral Home in Burnet, Texas. The funeral service followed the next day at 10:00 A.M. with the Reverend L. C. (Buddy) Johnson officiating. Internment followed at Lakeland Hills Memorial Park in Burnet, Texas. Pallbearers were Dan Ahlert, Bart Bartlett, Bob Chandler, Don Hollums, George Smith, and T.R. Snider. Honorary pallbearers were Bob Booker and Fred Wells.

Memorials may be sent to Girling Hospice, P.O.Box 4294, Austin, Texas 78765, or to The American Cancer Society.