



Gladys Mills Rosenbaum

May 3, 1929 - February 26, 2013

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Gladys Marie Mills Rosenbaum, beloved Wife, Mother, and Grandmother, passed away on February 22, 2013 in Kyle, Texas. Gladys was born in Hungerford, Wharton County, Texas on May 3, 1929. She is preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Jarvis L. Rosenbaum; her son, Mark A. Rosenbaum of Hungerford; her parents, Emil and Lydia Mills of Hungerford; sisters, Mattie Mills Penaloza of San Antonio and Lilia Mae Peter of Pasadena; nephew, George Shotwell of San Antonio; sister in law and husbands, Arlene and Charlie Oberhoff of Rosenberg; Yvonne and Donald Albright of Beaumont and nephew Roger Kueck of New York.

Gladys is lovingly survived by her daughter Lori Ann Rosenbaum Hardage, her husband John of Buda and their children Kevin and Cassidy, nephew, Robert Penaloza and wife Linda of Placitas, NM; niece Heather Marie Chandler; and nephew Keith Albright and wife Donna and daughters Heidi and Emma of Charlton, Massachusetts. Gladys is also survived by numerous cousins, relatives and friends who were very dear to her heart.

Gladys grew up with her sisters and parents on their farm near Hwy 59, in Wharton. They raised cotton, corn, farm animals, including a herd of Jersey cattle and a horse to ride. There was always a big garden which required a lot

of work. Churning butter and making homemade ice cream were some of the fun things that she did on the farm. Her favorite pastime as a child was swinging on a wooden swing on the front porch, and singing all of the popular songs of the day. She was very interested in learning to sew as were her sisters. They made their own school clothes. Gladys learned to sew on a pedal sewing machine as there was no electricity until 1940. Then came the telephone with party lines, which meant two or three families heard the phone ring at the same time. For studying, either kerosene or gasoline lamps were used for light before electricity was wired in. Ma Perkins was enjoyed on a battery radio. Gladys graduated from Wharton High School in 1946.

After marrying Jarvis at Frieden's Evangelical and Reformed Church in Beasley on November 16, 1947, she and Jarvis attended St. John's United Church of Christ of Rosenberg where they were both very active for many years. Gladys was President of the Women's Guild in the 60's and was also an active member of the Martha Circle. Jarvis worked at the First National Bank on Third Street as she worked at the weekly newspaper, Rosenberg Herald on Second Street, across from Penkerts. Her duties at the Herald included receptionist, bookkeeper, sales of business supplies, Linotype machines and operators and big presses printed the paper. She also worked for A.M. Cohen, editor, Jessie Mae Hogue, sales. Later, W.M. Shannon of the Richmond Texas Coaster bought the Rosenberg paper. Her job was writing up weddings and was the "who went to there" stories. She loved her job, but resigned in 1952 to follow Jarvis who had enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, stationed in Valdosta, GA. during the Korean War. He spent 18 months in the Philippines.

After Jarvis' honorable discharge in 1956, they moved back to Rosenberg where Jarvis took a new job at Fort Bend Federal Savings and Loan. Jarvis wanted his wife to be a stay at home wife. After 11 years of marriage and no children, they adopted infant, Lori and 3 years later adopted infant, Mark.

Gladys kept the children busy as they grew through childhood in activities such as 4-H Club, swimming and dance lessons. Yes, Mark took dance lessons too and Gladys loved making their costumes and attending their recitals.

In 1972, the family moved to the Belmont Subdivision in Richmond, Tx.

In 1981, after the children were grown, Gladys became an agent for the Sons of Hermann Fraternal Organization for Rosenberg-Richmond Lodge 85. She sold life insurance, winning several awards including the Grand Presidents Award in 1991, 1992 and 1993. She received the Humanitarian Award in 1994 from the local lodge. In 1996, she made the Executive Club. During the time she worked for Hermann Sons, she was also a general agent, and later attained the F.D.I. C. Title and also attained the right to sell annuities. She was also a state licensed insurance agent. This was a great addition to her ability to express the need for life insurance and also a wonderful outlet to meet wonderful people statewide.

Gladys retired as an agent after 21 years in July, 2002. She continued going to Sons of Herman conventions and statewide rallies after her retirement.

In June, 2006, Jarvis and Gladys moved to Buda, Texas to be near their daughter and family. After Jarvis' passing, Gladys moved into Emeritus at Beckett Meadows in Austin where she made many very close friends. She was President of the Resident's Council at Beckett Meadows and very active and always the "Bell of the Ball" and the life of the party until she fell ill. In February, Gladys moved into Legend Oaks Rehab and Healthcare in Kyle and was put in the loving care of Odyssey Hospice where she lived out the final weeks of her life.

A private burial service will be held for Gladys.

The family wishes to thank Odyssey Hospice for all of their love and support during this difficult time. Donations may be made in Gladys' name to St.

John's United Church of Christ benevolent fund at 1513 West St. Rosenberg, Texas or to Odyssey Hospice, 1911 Corporate Dr., # 104, San Marcos, Tx 78666.

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