



## Grace Curtis

January 28, 1916 - March 22, 2013

Funeral services for Sue Grace Cooley Curtis, 97, of Rockdale will be held at 10 am Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at St. John's United Methodist Church in Rockdale with Rev. Rita Sims officiating. Graveside services will follow at 2:30 pm at Austin Memorial Park in Austin. Visitation will be from 9 am until service time. Pallbearers; David Svrcek, John Moore, Tom Moore, Parker Curtis, Tommy Clark, Melton Guthrie. Honorary pallbearers; John Franke and Curtis Franke. Mrs. Curtis died Friday, March 22, 2013 at her home in Rockdale, Texas after celebrating her 97th birthday in January. She was born on January 28, 1916 in Austin, Texas, to Charles and Susan Biggs Cooley. She was born at home on 911 E 13th Street, Austin. The home was built by her grandparents. Her grandfather was a Judge and legislator who served in the Texas Constitutional convention while her grandmother operated a dairy farm at their home in East Austin. Mrs. Curtis was a third generation Austinite and a member of the First United Methodist Church in Austin. Mrs. Curtis graduated from Austin High School at the age of 16, in 1932. She attended business school and began her career at McKean Eilers & Co a dry goods store on Congress Avenue. On December 31, 1938 Grace married Milton Curtis in Austin. Grace and Milton shared a love for young people and music. They worked in churches and schools in Manor, Angleton and Rockdale while raising their four children. Mrs. Curtis continued her professional career working for the City of Rockdale, the Cameron Herald newspaper, and as an aide to State Representative Dan Kubiak at his home office in Rockdale and

at the State Capitol during multiple legislative sessions. Mrs. Curtis was a member of St. John's United Methodist Church since 1949, Taught Kindergarten Sunday School class for more than 30 years, Choir member for 50 years, served on many boards and committees, volunteered for Vacation Bible School, travelled on several mission trips to Belize and received a lifetime achievement award from the Methodist Church for her service. Mrs. Curtis was a principal in the organization of the St. John's Day Care center, later established and named by her as Love and Learning Center of Rockdale, serving on the Board of Directors from 1975 to 2003. Mrs. Curtis was active in local and state Democratic Party activities and often referred to herself as a yellow dog democrat. Mrs. Curtis loved the outdoors, enjoyed her plants and birds, loved going to the beach with her family and loved to travel. She was an avid reader and had a great appreciation for art and music. In her later years she visited the area nursing homes weekly to give comfort to friends and church members. Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband Milton Curtis in 2004; a son in law, Tommie Joe Clark in 1968; a granddaughter, Charity Tuttle in 1981; a son in law Bill Tuttle in 2005; and her siblings Lucille Cooley White, Elizabeth Cooley Moore, Charles Cooley and Alleene Cooley Henson. Mrs. Curtis is survived by two sons, Charles Patrick Curtis and wife Christie of Monroe, Louisiana and Tim Curtis and partner Kelly Riddell of Richwood, West Virginia; two daughters, Susan Curtis Tuttle of Ponder and Sally Curtis of Wimberley; eight grandchildren, Jay Curtis and wife Karla, Caitlin Curtis, Kiersten Curtis, Maren Curtis, Carey Curtis, Parker Curtis, John Clark and Kellie Thompson; six great-grandchildren, Tommy Clark, Thomas Lorre, Josh Tuttle, Sabrina Curtis, Wesley Curtis and Noah Franks; also numerous beloved nieces and nephews. Memorial donations may be made to St. John's United Methodist Church and Love and Learning Center of Rockdale.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Grace Curtis

Barbara Nelson - March 25, 2013 at 12:44 AM

BC

“ Grace Curtis

Bobby Carter - March 24, 2013 at 07:14 PM

JM

“ Grace Curtis

Jim and Lea McDaniel - March 24, 2013 at 04:01 PM

VI

“ Grace Curtis

Vickie - March 24, 2013 at 12:05 PM