



Helen Janet (Nana) Backhaus

February 11, 1919 - November 12, 2010

Helen Janet (Nana) Backhaus, age 91 of Rockdale passed away peacefully on Friday November 12, 2010 in Austin, Texas surrounded by her loving family with whom she had lived the past several years. Funeral Services will be Tuesday 10:00 AM, November 16, 2010 at St. John's United Methodist Church in Rockdale where she had been an active lifelong member. Visitation will be Tuesday 9:00 AM until service time at the church. Rev. John Warren officiating with burial to follow in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Rockdale. Helen was born February 11, 1919 in Sharp, Texas to Frank and Effie Voyles Gamble. After graduating from Sharp High School she married the love of her life Siegfried Paul Backhaus on September 5, 1940. After World War II the couple moved to Rockdale where they owned and operated Backhaus Cleaners for 34 years until their retirement in 1984. Helen was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Effie Gamble, loving husband of 66 years Siegfried Backhaus, brother and sister-in-law, Glenn and Mildred Gamble and brother-in-law, Harry Korthauer. Survivors include one son, John Backhaus and wife Sue of Austin, Texas, sister, Artie Backhaus and husband Wilhelm of Rockdale, sister, Edith Korthauer of Kingwood, Texas. Two grandchildren, Kaitlyn Marie Backhaus and Jacob Paul Backhaus of Austin, Texas and several nephews and one niece. Pallbearers include Jacob Backhaus, Tony Marino, Paul Backhaus, Ken Korthauer, Ronnie Gamble, Travis Rothwell, Jeff Byrd, Dyle Morse, Dane Korthauer, Collin Korthauer, Lance Gamble, David Gamble, Brian Lusson and Colton Lusson.

Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Janet (Nana) Backhaus*

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