



Mary Sue Burns Knipstein

June 29, 1937 - September 2, 2012

Mary Sue Burns Knipstein, 75, was born in Fort Worth, Texas on June 29, 1937 to Dr. Robert Brookfield Burns and Mary Alice Minton Burns. Mary Sue graduated from Giddings High School in May of 1954. After high school, she worked for the local telephone company. Mary Sue Burns married James (Muddle) Allen Knipstein on April 14, 1956. They had three children, Kimberly, Charles (Chuck) and Michael. Mary Sue was a homemaker until the family moved to Lexington in 1972 when she went to work for Woodson Lumber Company. Mary Sue took a sabbatical from July of 1974 until September of 1978 then she went to work for Brookshire Brothers grocery in Giddings. She worked for Brookshire Brothers until she retired in 2001. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Lexington, Texas and was the church treasurer for many years. She also served on the Budget Committee for the First Baptist Church for years. Mary Sue served on the Lexington City Council and the Lexington School Board. Mary Sue enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed camping and going to the beach. She also enjoyed her special friends since childhood – they called themselves the magnificent seven. Mary Sue also had other special friends she enjoyed spending time. Mary Sue is survived by her children, daughter, Kimberly (Kim) and husband James Dismukes, son Charles (Chuck) and wife Tami, son Michael (Mike) and wife Heather, grandchildren: Andrea Dismukes and Louie Burkle, Kyle Dismukes and Tina Browder, Phillip Knipstein, Rachel Knipstein, Sara Knipstein, Ava Knipstein,

Baelyn Knipstein and Hope Knipstein; great grandchildren: Cloe Burkle and Jayden Dismukes; brother, Dr. Charles M. Burns and wife Cathy, brothers-in-law, Louis (Junior) Knipstein and wife Deckie of Lexington, niece, Tana Knipstein Renfroe and husband Ned Renfroe of Lexington, Raymond and wife Becky of Austin, niece, Pam Knipstein of Austin, Texas, niece, Kristi Knipstein Dowding and husband William Dowding of Austin, Texas; nephews, Robert Burns, Joel Burns, James Burns, Troy Wittenbach and several great nieces and nephews. Mary Sue was preceded in death by her husband James (Muddle) Allen Knipsten; her parents, Dr. Robert B. and Mary Alice Burns; her in-laws Louis C. and Lena A. Knipstein; a brother, Robert B. Burns, Jr. and a nephew, Neal Knipstein. A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, September 8th at 10:00 a.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Gidings followed by a private burial. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the ABBA Fund (Financial Solutions for Adoption), P.O. Box 14727, Greensboro, NC 27415.