



Wanda Givens

April 14, 1919 - December 1, 2008

Wanda Givens, 89 of Rockdale, passed away Monday, December 1, 2008 in the Renaissance Villa in Rockdale. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Wanda Lee Martin Givens was born April 14, 1919 to Merrell Eugene and Louella (Wade) Martin in Graham, Texas. She grew up on a farm with parents two brothers and a sister until the Depression when she moved to town and stayed with another family through high school. She married Thomas E. Givens and became a motorcycle mama in 1937. They traveled to California and Colorado. She got very sunburned and that was the end of motorcycles. They moved to Corpus Christi in the late 1930's then to Sweetwater for the war effort where she was a control tower operator at Avenger field. At the end of the war they returned to Corpus Christi then to San Angelo in 1950. While in San Angelo she worked as an aide and secretary in the school system, a furniture salesperson, real estate sales, owning a retail shop and later as apartment manager. Wanda learned to fly before and during the war, but not receiving a pilot's license, water skier from the middle 1950's through the 1960s and bowling into her late 70's. In 1977 she moved to Cleburne to be close to her daughter, grandchildren, and brother. In 1987 she moved to Rockdale to be with her son and stayed for 15 years. A broken leg sent her to Dallas for four years and in May 2007 she returned to Rockdale after a stroke. She was preceded in death by her sister Loumeda and brothers, Ralph and Don and her parents. Survivors are son, Kent Givens and wife Denise of Rockdale; Daughter, Jan Denton and

husband Bill of Dallas; Grandchildren, Libby Hegi and husband Brian of Dallas, Katherine George and husband Doug of Houston, Will Denton of Houston and Jessica Givens of Huntsville, five great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. In late spring of next year the family will place Wanda's ashes between her parents in the Pioneer Cemetery at Graham, Texas.

Tribute Wall



“ *Wanda Givens*

Cheryl & Rick Cottrell - December 04, 2008 at 09:55 AM