



Harriett Elizabeth McCrocklin

Harriett Elizabeth McCrocklin of Wimberley passed away peacefully on June 5, 2010. She was born July 22, 1924 in Austin, Texas. She was a loving mother, adored grandmother, wonderful sister and devoted wife.

Harriett lost her father at age six and lived for a time with her aunts and cousins in Chappell Hill while her mother nursed at Seton Hospital in Austin. After moving back to Austin from Chappell Hill she graduated from Stephen F. Austin High School and went on to the University of Texas where she earned her Bachelor's degree in Laboratory Technology and a Master's Degree in Zoology. She spent 18 months in medical school at Duke University and left to serve as a Pharmacists' Mate 3-C in the Women Accepted for Voluntary Emergency Services, WAVES, in 1945.

She was married September 3, 1946, to James H. McCrocklin. In 1949 they moved to Kingsville, TX. Harriett taught elementary school in Petronila, Texas for the Bishop Consolidated Independent School District before raising her family. She and Jim purchased their current residence in Wimberley in 1964 when Jim was named President of Texas State University. She and Jim moved for short term stays in Washington, D.C. and Paris, France during 1968 while Jim served in the Johnson Cabinet and as a US Delegate at UNESCO. They later retired from public service in 1969 to the banks of Cypress Creek, her favorite place in the world. Harriett became President of McCrocklin & Associates, Inc. Real Estate in 1972 and served in that capacity until she retired in September of 2007. Throughout her life, Harriett was always lending a helping hand to people who needed it behind the scenes. Harriett always followed Matthew 6: 1-4: ¹"Be careful not to do your 'acts of righteousness' before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. ²"So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. ³But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Harriett is preceded in death by her parents Herbert and Estelle Kay Stroud, her husband of 51 years James H. McCrocklin, and her brother Thomas Stroud. She is survived by her sister-in-law Kate Gault of Oklahoma City, sons, James Thomas McCrocklin and wife Deyva, of Marble Falls; John McCrocklin and wife Carolyn, of San Marcos; daughter-in-law Lynda K. McCrocklin of Wimberley; nine grandchildren, Katherine Bowers and husband Harry of New Braunfels; Jennifer Scharlach and husband Shad of Wimberley; Matthew McCrocklin of Wimberley; Clint McCrocklin and wife, Heather of New Braunfels; Julie McCrocklin of San Marcos, Courtney McCrocklin of Katy, TX; Rebecca Jo McCrocklin, James Richard McCrocklin, and Samuel Thomas McCrocklin of Marble Falls, TX; three great grandchildren, Harry T. Bowers, V, and Elizabeth Bowers of New Braunfels and Caroline Scharlach of Wimberley.

Harriett will be interred with her husband at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C. A memorial service is planned at St. Stephens Episcopal Church, in Wimberley, Monday, June 14, 2010 at 3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to IChooseYou Ministries, P.O. Box 1357, Wimberley, TX 78676, or Southside Community Center, 518 South Guadalupe Street, San Marcos, TX 78666. IChooseYou Ministries is a nonprofit organization that provides the Karamojong children from the village of Namatala in Mbale, Uganda with the essential necessities of everyday life. IChooseYou pays the children's school tuition so that they are able to get an education. The purpose is not only to meet the physical needs of the Karamojong people, but primarily to demonstrate the love of Christ through this ministry, <http://IChooseYou.net>. Southside Community Center is a nonprofit organization that runs a homeless shelter in San Marcos. Every night of the week they feed dinner to the homeless and anyone in need in the community.

Services are under the direction of Pennington Funeral Home.