



Dorothy Louise Thorpe Spivey

June 12, 1927 - August 16, 2017

Services for Dorothy Louise Thorpe Spivey, 90, of Tyler will be at 2:00 PM on Thursday, August 24, 2017, Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas.

Dorothy passed away on Wednesday, August 16, 2017. She was born on June 12, 1927 to Alma Singletary and Ellis Roger Thorpe in Marshall, Texas. Always amused by the telling, Dorothy loved sharing the story that on her first day of school in Karnak, Texas, she rode, not on a bus, but on a farm wagon. Her East Texas education took Dorothy far and wide in the business world with her favorite experience being her work as a model for boutiques in San Antonio.

On January 5, 1984, Dorothy married a dashing pilot, Colonel Paulett Spivey, at Pope Air Force Base in North Carolina. Retiring to Atlanta, Texas, Dorothy and Paul fished on Caddo Lake, traveled yearly to the Masters in Augusta and swapped stories with fellow pilots at Air Force Reunions across the nation.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Paul; daughter, Beverly Jean Simmons; son, Roger Lesley Simmons; brothers, Rayburn Thorpe and James Thorpe, and sisters, Betty Blair, Pauline Shaw and Alma Jean Scott.

Dorothy is survived by daughters, Laura Simmons Reeves, Sharron Simmons Yarbrough, Donna Simmons Holmes and Suzanne Spivey Stanley; son, Robert Paulett Spivey, 17 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Boulevard, Tyler, Texas 75701.

Previous Events

Graveside Serv.

AUG **24**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78209