



## Jo Murdoch

November 14, 1921 - November 27, 2010

Jo Ann Murdoch, 89, of Tyler passed away Saturday, November 27, 2010 in Houston, Texas. Jo Ann was born November 14, 1921 in Abilene, Texas to A.L. and Grace Stewart. A private family graveside service will be held on Friday, December 3, at Rose Hill Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Memorial services will follow at Marvin United Methodist Church Chapel at 1:00 pm with Dr. Doug Baker officiating.

Jo Ann was a devoted member of Marvin United Methodist Church in Tyler. Until health issues prevented her from attending on a regular basis, she attempted to attend services each Sunday. Thereafter, she never missed a televised church service. Jo Ann graduated from Abilene High School in Abilene, Texas in 1939. She went on to attend Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, where she met her future husband, A.R. (Bob) Murdoch, and then transferred to the University of Texas at Austin. Due to the onset of WWII, (and love and marriage), her plans changed. They married August 17, 1942 in Abilene, Texas. She was a valuable helpmate to her husband, Bob, General Manager of the East Texas State Fair, for 35 years. She was bookkeeper/secretary for the Fair and retired in 1993. Jo Ann was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Bob Murdoch, in 2000 and her daughter, Janet Susan Tomlin, in 2007. She is survived by her daughter, Dianne E Cavazos, her grand-daughter, Melissa Suzanne Eeds, her grandchildren, Lance and Evan Cavazos, her great-grandchildren Emily, Courtney, and Alan Eeds, her son-in-law Hector E Cavazos and grandson-in-

law Scott Eeds. Visitation is scheduled from 6:00 – 8:00 PM on Thursday December 2 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway in Tyler. If desired, in lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the East Texas Humane Society, American Diabetes Association or charity of your choice.

# Tribute Wall

DS

“ *Diani, Today Layne told me about Joann's passing. She was truly beautiful woman in every way. I know you will miss her as the devoted mother she was to you and to Janet. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Love,*  
*DollyG*

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**Dolly Smith** - November 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ *What a great Lady. Jo Ann & Bob picked me up as a teenager and taught me the meaning of friendship. I will miss her as so many others will also. All my best to her family.*  
*Shirley Kirkley*

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**Shirley Kirkley** - November 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Jo Ann was one of the Marvin "saints." Her loss on earth will certainly be heaven's gain!*

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**Melissa Brigman** - November 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Dear Hector and Dianne, please accept my condolences on the loss of your dear loved one. I can tell from her picture that Mrs. Murdoch was a lovely, kind, and sweet person. I too lost my mother some years ago when she was only 64 years old. My heart and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Sincerely,*

*Jo Hoye*

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**Jo Hoye** - November 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM