



Sydney Pate

June 26, 1936 - July 28, 2011

Sydney Dolores Pate passed away on Thursday, July 28, 2011. She was a loving and devoted daughter, sister, wife, mother and grandmother. Sydney was an active member of the Saints Alive ministry of Grace Community Church where she enjoyed many close friends. Sydney was born on July 26, 1936, in Alvarado, Texas to Otto Orville and Helen Ruth Kent. During World War II she lived in Laredo, Texas where her father worked for the U.S. Government. Settling with her family in Tyler after the war, she graduated from Tyler High School in 1954. Sydney married her high school sweetheart, Alfred Richard (Dick) Pate Jr. on June 12, 1954. Sydney was devoted to her family and enjoyed gathering with her loved ones whenever possible. She was an avid photographer and documented family vacations throughout the country. For many years she was a member of the Howe-Baker Wives Club where she delighted in many close friendships. Sydney enjoyed travel, snow skiing, gardening and staying active. She was a devoted follower of Jesus Christ and a member of Grace Community Church. Survivors include her husband, Dick Pate, son and daughter-in-law Fred and Cynthia Pate, daughter Ginger South, sister Kay Blow and brother Jan Kent, all of Tyler, brother Philip Kent of Austin, granddaughters Sarah and Hannah South, and Leslie and Kelsey Pate, great-granddaughter Paisley Anne South, and numerous nieces and nephews. Sydney was preceded in death by her parents, Otto and Helen Ruth Kent, and sister Linda Kent. A memorial service will be held at Grace Community Church at 3215 Old Jacksonville

Road at 1:00 PM on Saturday, July 30th. Visitation will be held at Stewart Funeral Home at 6:00–8:00 PM on Friday July 29th. A private graveside service will be held for the family. In lieu of flowers, memorials in honor of Sydney Pate may be made to Living Alternatives Ministry, 17141 State Highway 110 North, Lindale, Texas 75771 or Heart-to-Heart Hospice, 1402 Rice Road, Suite 100, Tyler, Texas 75703.

Tribute Wall

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“ *I am a friend and colleague of Fred.
Knowing the excellent character of Fred, his ethics, his believes, his
faith in god I can only imagine what a wonderful warm hearted
mother Sydney Dolores Pate must have been, together with her
husband. Bringing up children in such a spirit- as best raw models -
speaks for itself. Mrs Pate was for sure a wonderful person, and she
has her place in heaven. Dieter*

Dieter Becker - July 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *To the Pate family,

My prayers are with you all....One of my favorite memories about
Sydney is during my swim lessons with the grand girls...and her
warm and gracious hospitality whenever we would meet.
A woman of God that exemplified the spirit of Christ living in her....in
all that she did, and I am glad that I had the opportunity to know her!
Regrets to all for not being able to attend the services....please
know that you will ALL be in my prayers. Much Love, Kimberly*

Kimberly Reed - July 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My sincere condolences to Mrs. Pate's dear family. May the God of all comfort strengthen you all during this time, and keep your hearts on the hope that has helped me to know that in the future we will see our loved ones again because all those in the memorial tombs will be resurrected to life on earth and God will wipe out every tear and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. What a wonderful hope for us!*

Revelation 21:4 , Romans 5:28, Isaiah 45:18

Michelle Ervin - July 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Sydney Pate*

Todd Lestage - July 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM