



## Helen Flora

June 7, 1925 - August 11, 2014

Dateline: San Antonio, Texas

Helen Sherrell (Smith) Flora - San Antonio, Texas

Helen Flora passed away on Monday, August 11, 2014. She was born in McAllen, Texas on June 7, 1925. She grew up in the Edinburg, Texas area and graduated from Edinburg High School. She worked as a Southwestern Bell Telephone operator until her marriage to Calvin Smith.

Helen lived in Edcouch, Texas where she raised three children. She was a devoted and fun-loving mother who dedicated her time to supporting her children's activities. She was active in Edcouch-Elsa Band Boosters and sponsored many Rio Farms 4-H Club activities, as well as school trips and events. She took great pride in her home and in providing wonderful meals. Games and vacations were a regular part of family life.

Helen was licensed as a cosmetologist. She also spent some years working in the office at Texas Plastics, Inc. in Elsa, Texas. She was a member of Beta Sigma Phi sorority and the First Baptist Church of Edcouch, Texas.

In 1980, she married Stanley H. Flora who had three children: Bill Flora of Portland, Oregon; Becky Packet of Omaha, Nebraska; and Steve (Karan) Flora, of Cairo, Egypt. After her marriage to Stan, she lived in Brownsville, Texas; Lincoln, Nebraska and Salt Lake City, Utah. After Stan's retirement, they settled in Marble Falls, Texas, in 1991. They moved to Air Force Village in San Antonio in August 2013.

Helen is preceded in death by her parents, Samuel Lincoln Sherrell and Alva

Mae Rhyne; a daughter, Pamela Kay Smith; three brothers, Frank Van, Lon Van, and Earl Sherrell; and a sister, Authula Spears.

She is survived by her husband, Stan Flora of San Antonio; a daughter, Lois Shull and her husband, Richard of Donna, Texas; and a son, Darrell Smith of Caldwell, Texas. Known as "Mamoo" to her grandchildren, she is survived by Christi Shull of San Antonio, Texas; Cooper Smith (Todd) Koch of Dallas, Texas; and Monica (Mike) Johnson of Rockdale, Texas. Also surviving are great grandchildren Logan Griffin, Sterling Johnson, Claire Koch, and Mason Koch. She is also survived by a sister, Margaret Ricketson of Houston, Texas; numerous nieces and nephews, as well as Stan's children and grandchildren. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 16, 2014 at 1:30 PM in the chapel at Air Force Village II in San Antonio, Texas. Interment arrangements are pending at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas.

Services entrusted to Roberson Funeral Home, Three Rivers, Texas. For online condolences you can visit our website at [robersonfuneralhomes.net](http://robersonfuneralhomes.net)