

## HARDIE



Mary Elizabeth "Ibby" Whitaker Hardie went to be with our Lord Jesus Christ in heaven on Sunday, February 19, 2012. Ibby was born in El Paso,

Texas, on December 7, 1921 and was the only child of Ruby May Harris Whitaker and John William Whitaker. She met the love of her life, Thornton Hardie, Jr, when she was 16 years old, and they married on December 26, 1942 in El Paso. Thornton died on February 25, 1980. She was also preceded in death by her parents, by her precious great grandson, Bowen Daniel Teeple, and by a great-granddaughter, Meredith Leigh Garrett, whom she never met. Surviving Ibby are her children, Mary Adele Hardie Teeple, Ann Elizabeth Hardie Reed, Thornton Hardie III and their spouses, Charles Sloan Teeple IV, William Edward Reed, and Susan Smith Hardie; her seven grandchildren, Charles Sloan Teeple V and wife Susan, Bryan Whitaker Teeple and wife Delaine, Sarah Hardie Davis and husband Gate, Amy Hardie Peeples and husband Ray, Elizabeth Hardie Watkins Garrett and husband Jacob, William Michael Reed, and Rebecca Ann Reed. Ibby was blessed with eleven great grandchildren, all of whom were present at her 90th birthday celebration in December, 2011.

Ibby received her BA degree in English from the University of Texas at El Paso which was then the Texas College of Mines and Metallurgy. She was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, receiving her 50 year pin many years ago. She also attended the University of Texas in Austin for one year prior to World War II.

Ibby moved to Midland in 1947 after her husband, Thornton, graduated from the University of Texas Law School. She became a member of First Presbyterian Church where she remained the rest of her life. She served as a deacon, elder, and 4th grade Sunday school teacher for many years. She served as a Circle leader and Moderator of Presbyterian Women. Ibby was a founding member of the Midland Service League and a charter member of the Junior League of Midland where she served as President and Vice President, Secretary and chaired numerous committees.

For many years, Ibby and Thornton enjoyed their home at Blue Lake Estates on Lake LBJ near Marble Falls. The family gathered there for most holidays, and they enjoyed many vacations and weekends with family and friends. She and Thornton also loved traveling with family and friends.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, February 22 at 10:00am at First Presbyterian Church, 800 West Texas Avenue, with Rev. Steve Schorr officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Midland, Texas. Condolences may be made at: [www.ellisfunerals.com](http://www.ellisfunerals.com). A reception will be held afterward in the Church Parlor. A private burial will be held prior to the memorial service in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Honorary pallbearers will be grandsons Sloan Teeple, Bryan Teeple, and Michael Reed, and her granddaughters' spouses, Jacob Garrett, Gate Davis and Ray Peeples.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church Deacons Fund, Midland Memorial Hospital, and High Sky Children's Ranch or to a charity of choice.