

HELLUMS



Mary Deane Jackson Hellums, 89, passed away Oct. 30, 2011, with her beloved husband of 65 years, Ralph H. Hellums, by her side. Born March 12, 1922, in El Paso to George Barnard Jackson and Ruth Deane Jackson, Mary attended Dudley School, El Paso High, and earned a Journalism degree from the Texas College of Mines, now UTEP, in 1943, where she was Prospector editor. Mary worked as news editor at KTSM radio from 1944 to 1946. That January, she married Maj. Ralph Hellums. While raising their two daughters, she served on the boards of the YWCA, UTEP Alumni Association, Goodwill Industries, El Paso Art Museum and El Paso High PTA; was Mesita Elementary PTA president, vice president-queen's court for the Sun Carnival, and regent of the Magna Carta Dames. As a journalism teacher at Bowie High from 1966 to 1982, she helped many students secure college scholarships. For 51 years, she was financial advisor to Chi Omega at UTEP. Mary is survived by her husband, Ralph; daughters Lucile Uhlig and husband Bill, and Mary Ruth Lowen and husband George

of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and brother George H. Jackson and wife Ann. Her parents and her sister, Sue Jackson Polk, preceded her in death. Also surviving are grandchildren Karlee Steele of Austin, Mary Louise Froissard and husband Nick of Irvine, Calif., and Ralph Lowen and wife Mary Elizabeth of Castle Rock, Colo.; three great grandchildren and nieces, nephews and friends. A memorial will be held at 3:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, 2011 at St. Clement's Church. Private burial at Fort Bliss National Cemetery. Honorary pallbearers are Bill Uhlig, George Lowen, Ralph Lowen, George Jackson, Barnard Polk, Jackson Polk, Dr. Walker Jackson, Dr. Manuel Rivera, Robert Bridewell, Andrew Polk, Nick Froissard and Virgil Hellums. The family thanks caregivers Judy Herrera, Silvia Griego and Cuca Baldon for their devoted service.

Memorial donations can be made to St. Clement's Church, 810 N. Campbell, El Paso TX 79902; or the El Paso County Historical Society, 603 W. Yandell, El Paso TX 79902. Services entrusted to Martin Funeral Home West. www.MartinFuneralHomeWest.com

