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## Katherine Hicks Blackson

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As a military wife for more than 30 years, she worked as an active freelance journalist for the Honolulu Star Bulletin, New Orleans Times Picayune and staff journalist for the El Paso Herald Post. She was an accomplished pianist, winning a National Endowment for the Arts grant to bring music to the underserved, and she hosted a cable network. She was featured in the Texas Country Reporter for her unique bag art.

She had many interests, stayed highly active throughout her life and had a significant impact on most everyone who knew her. She was first and foremost a mother. She was preceded in death by her eldest son, Howard "Blackie" McGraw Blackson.

She is survived by her children, Harvey Caldwell Blackson, George Byrd Blackson, Kathleen Hicks Clough, Barbara Sue Randolph, Kim Blackson, Trent Blackson; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; her brothers and sisters, John Hicks, Charlotte Hungate, George Hicks and Theresa West; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial services will be conducted at the Hicks family cemetery in Metcalf, Georgia, at a date in the near future.

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Katherine "Kitty" Hicks Blackson died on Easter Sunday, April 24, 2011, at the age of 88 surrounded by her children in San Marcos, Texas. She was born on Sept. 27, 1922, in Thomasville, Ga., at the home of her maternal grandparents, John Richard and Minnie Hearn Caldwell, at 710 N. Dawson St. A daughter of George Franklin and Kate Caldwell Hicks, she was a descendant of one of Thomas County's founding families. She was a 1940 graduate of Thomasville High School. She spent most of her adult life in Texas where she was always active in the community and was past president of the El Paso Historical Landmark Society, designating and saving many Henry Charles Trost architectures. Mrs. Blackson was the first female elected to the Longview Texas City Council. As a military wife for more than 30 years, she worked as an active freelance journalist for the Honolulu Star Bulletin, New Orleans Times Picayune and staff journalist for the El Paso Herald Post. She was an accomplished pianist, winning a National Endowment for the Arts grant to bring music to the underserved and hosted a long running, popular cable network show featuring piano playing, singing, poetry reading and book reviews. She was featured in the Texas Country Reporter for her unique bag art. She had many interests, stayed highly active throughout her life and had a significant impact on most everyone who knew her. Katherine Blackson was first and foremost a mother. Preceded in death by her oldest son, Howard "Blackie" McGraw Blackson, and the father of her children, Howard McGraw Blackson, she is survived by her children, Harvey Caldwell Blackson, George Byrd Blackson, Kathleen Hicks Clough, Barbara Sue Randolph, Kim Blackson, all of central Texas, and Colonel Trent Blackson USMC of Homestead, Fla., as well as 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Her brothers and sisters, John Caldwell Hicks, Charlotte Kanning Hungate, George Franklin Hicks III and Theresa Hicks West, as well as a number of nieces, nephews and cousins also survive her. Memorial services will be conducted at the Hicks family cemetery near Metcalfe, Ga. at a date to be announced later.

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